Krenz visits Moscow

BERG IN (AF)—East German leader Egon Krenz flew Tuesday to Moscow for talks with President Mikhali Gorbachev, the architect of a reform plan admired by Krenz Buck home, the largest opposition group encouraged Czechoslovakia's apprented dissidents and predicted change would come to the artiphosphig farmine Communist state. The official Soviet news agency TASS said Krenz was met in Moscow by polithere member the control Valentin Fulin, the head of the Soviet yakoviev and by Valentin Falin, the head of the Soviet regarder I morney and by vaccious rains, are treated in the correct manufact. Party Central Committee's International Department. East remain's ADN news agency reported Krenz would meet with Gorbacher emenday and later would hold a news conference. It said he would visit had Thursday for talks with Polish Communist Party leader Micczyslaw Rekewski, President Wojciech Jaruzelski and non-communist Premier Rakowski, President: Wojczech Jacuzeski and non-communist Preimer Tadentz Matowiecki, ADN said. Krenz, named party leader two weeks ago, has initiated a new era of openness that would have been unthinisable under his predections, 77-year-old Erich Honecker. In West Germany, the mass-circulation BBd newspaper reported that Honecker's wife, Margot, land lost her post as education minister.

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation جوردان تايمز يوفِّيُّة سِياسية تَصِيْرُ بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية ،الراي،

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Yemens discuss political union

SANAA (R) - The two Yemens discussed Tuesday how to adapt the political systems of the South and North to fit one proposed united country.

"The Yemeni people have the right to enjoy full democratic freedom under the umbrella of one state," North Yemeni Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Iryani said at the start of a two-day meeting. South Yemeni officials Al Iryani said at the start of a two-day meeting. South Yeinem officials arrived by road for the talks at the border town of Ta'izz, 260 kilometres south of the North Yemeni capital of Sanaa. The two countries removed cross-border barriers earlier this year. South Yemen's delegation was led by Salem Saleh Mohammad, assistant secretary-general of the Central Socialist Party. Iryani said the meeting would key the cornerstone of a permanent constitution for a united Yemen. "This is an historic mission permanent construction in a limited related. "I has is an install in install a necessary step to build the miffied country," he said. But North Yemen officials said it would be difficult to agree a unified political system while South Yemen remained under Marxist rule. "North Yemen belongs to the Non-Aligned Movement, while the South belongs to the Soviet Union," one official told Reuters. "The South will have to compromise."

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Israeli army ends **Beit Sahour siege**

BEIT SAHOUR, occupied West Bank (Agencies) — The Israeli Tuesday removed roadblocks and ended a six-week campaign of confirmation raids designed to break a Palestinian tax rebellion in this West Bank town.

Elsewhere in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, masked assailants killed a nurse who worked at a hospital in the Gaza Strip and wounded her sister, accusing the women of helping the occupation authorities identify uprising activists, reports quoted by the AP said.

Reuters quoting local residents reported that the women killed in the Gaza Strip was suspected of 'immoral behaviour."

Surai'ia Ahmad Al Qadi, 22, died immediately after the axe attack Monday night near Rafah in southern Gaza. Her sister Sumiya Ahmad Al Qadi, 19, was in critical condition, doctors at Ahli hospital told Reuters.

The operation in Beit Sahour was the army's first concentrated show of force designed to break a Palestinian tax boycott. The Palestinian civil disobedience campaign has been a key element of a 22-month-old uprising.

Beit Sahour, a town of 10,000 near Bethlebem and the site of the Biblical Shepherds' Field, has been a stronghold of the boycott. As soldiers removed their blockade, about 300 to 400 of defiant residents took to the streets proclaiming victory. They

celebrated signing the Palestinian anthem, "Biladi, Biladi."

One celebrant said, "We stood up to the army, and we won." israel's West Bank military "governor," Shaike Erez, also claimed victory saying he was "convinced the tax rebellion is

broken," Israel radio reported. During the six-week closure of the town, foreign diplomats, church leaders and journalists were barred from entering the town as were most other nonresidents

In the raids, soldiers seized property valued at \$3 million shekels (\$1.5 million) from 398 debtors, an army communique said. It said 33 motor vehicles along with cash and money in bank accounts were seized in lieu of taxes.

Forty debtors were arrested and 35 of them were indicted. Of these, four were sentenced to pay a 6,000 shekel (\$3,000) fine or serve 180 days in jail, the army

The English-language Jerusalem Post put the arrest total at

The army communique claimed the raid was a success, saying tax boycotters elsewhere in the West Bank came forward to pay debts during the opera-

Despite the formal end of the raid, the communique said, the military government "stresses that tax collection and the en- are destoryed.

Beit Sahour and (West Bank) will continue in the future as

An Israeli attorney has accused Israeli police in Bethlehem of lving about the fatal shooting of a Palestinian youth last Thursday, the Jerusalem Post reported.

In a letter to the Bethlehem police commander, attorney Avraham Gal quoted witnesses as saying a policeman shot Karim D'aamseh, 18, in the neck at point-block range after he obeyed their orders to stop.

His father witnessed the shooting, Gal said.

The Post said Gal demanded that police investigate the incident and suspend the officer invalved.

In Gaza Tuesday, troops demolished the home of a Palestinian arrested in July.

A military spokesman said Saleh Ahmad Naqa, 25, is suspected or organising uprising activity and attacking alleged Palestinian collaborators.

During the uprising, soldiers have destroyed more than 220 houses and sealed at least 100 others, according to army figures.

The house destructions have been criticised by the U.S. government and human rights groups as a form of collective punishment and a violation of due process, since most suspects involved have not been tried before houses

Baker says no showdown or deadline for Mideast talks

Contrary to reports of deadlines Secretary of State James Baker says he does not expect a "makeot-dteak" decision on middie East negotiations while he is on an eight-day visit to Australia.

Baker was to leave late Tuesday for talks with Prime Minister Bob Hawke and also to attend a meeting in Canberra of 12 nations considering the formation of a new economic compact to foster free trade and an open-market system.

Known as the Pacific Basin initiative, it has Baker's support as timely because the United States is boosting trade with Asia to new heights. Trade has more than tripled in 10 years to \$280 billion in 1988, a senior U.S. official said Monday.

Ten Asian nations, but not China, Taiwan or Hong Kong, are attending, along with the United States and Canada. Some, especially Japan, have been accused at times of protectionist policies.

As he prepared to depart, Baker said he was reviewing his five-point proposal for Mideast talks

the Associated Press in an interand imminent showdowns, view Monday: "I don't anticipate we will have definitive answers either yes or no — before I get back from Australia.

· He said Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens may be travelling in Asia during the period, and "We may continue to talk." But, Baker added: "I would guide you off of looking for either a make or Break on this thing before the trip is over."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has hinted he might cancel a planned visit to the United States next month if President George Bush refused to meet

Relations between U.S. and Israel have been strained in recent weeks over the Baker formula for Palestinian-Israeli talks which Israel has declined to accept.

Asked if he would make his mid-November visit even if Bush declined to meet him. Shamir told Israel Television Monday: "It depends."

He said Washington still had not informed him of a definite time for a meeting with Bush, but told the television he still had not decided to cancel his trip. The authoritative Israeli news-

paper Haaretz reported that Shamir was likely to cancel his trip within a few days if the White House failed to respond to the right-wing leader's request for a meeting.

Vice-Premier Shimon Peres has accused Shamir's Likud party of wasting time by avoiding a decision on the five-point formula proposed by Baker.

Peres said there was "almost pathetic" quibbling over the terms for the proposed talks with Palestinians in Cairo over elections in the occupied West Bank and

Shamair and Arens have objected to two of the five points and asked Baker to amend them to give Israel a veto over the Palestinian delegates and to ensure the talks cover only Israel's election proposals.

"The government of Israel nev-er decided to reject Baker's initiative and never decided to accept it," said Peres, head of the Labour Party, junior partner in Israel's coalition cabinet.

MILITARY SPORTS FESTIVAL: His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday attended a major military sports festival held at the Al Hussein Youth City. The festival included a number of sporting event, including tug of war, free jumping, tae kwon do attended by His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah

Iba Al Hussein, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi. Royal Court Chief Mudar Badran, King Hussein's political advisor Adnan Abu Odeh, Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Fathi

Superpower summit set

dent George Bush said Tuesday he and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will hold their first summit Dec. 2 and 3 — a wideopen affair with no limits on agenda — aboard U.S. and Soviet naval vessels in the Mediterranean Sea.

"Our talks will be informal in character, designed to allow us to become better acquainted with each other and to deepen our understanding of each other's views," Bush told reporters at the White House.

"Neither of us anticipate that substantial agreements and decisions will emerge," he added. The announcement of the first summit date between Bush, as president, and Gorbachev was

made simultaneously in Washing-

ton and Moscow, where Soviet

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze met reporters. Both sides feel it useful and vital at the moment to hold such an intermediate summit," Shevardnadze said.

The Soviet official added that the talks would help foster further development and deepening of positive changes in Soviet-U.S. relations which have had a positive effect on the world political climate.

Bush said he and Gorbachev, an old summit hand and public relations master who met five times with Bush's predecessor Ronald Reagan, would discuss a wide array of topics without a specific agenda, although the Soviet and American economies would be a central subject. He said the unusual shipboard

setting would give him and Gorbachev "a chance to put our feet up and talk" without the distraction of social activities or joint public appearances. Other topics up for discussion.

Bush said; would include East-West relations and trouble spots

He stressed he and Gorbachev did not want the summit to be seen as succeeding or failing "on

and nothing on it ... I want to talk

to him about their economy and

whether we make any agreements.

"I don't want to have two gigantic ships pass in the night because of failed communication," Bush said.

The talks will follow a Gorbachev visit to Italy and the Vatican from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. During the visit, Gorbachev will meet Pope John Paul II, becoming the first Soviet leader ever to meet a spiritual leader of the Roman Catholic Church.

Choosing naval vessels for the informal talks --- a first for superpower summitry — evoked memories of an allied summit between President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill aboard warships in the North Atlantiac off Newfoundland in the early days of World War II.

That meeting, which occurred in August 1941, four months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour and the formal U.S. entry into the war, produced the Atlantic Charter, a statement of Allied peace aims. Bush stressed that nothing to

rival that was expected from the meetings on the Mediterranean and that he still planned to meet Gorbachev in a summit in late spring or early summer in the United States, as agreed upon during Shevardnadze's visit to the United States in September.

The president added that he had suggested the informal December summit in July after his visit to Poland and Hungary A senior administration official

said Bush had been urged by leaders of those countries to support Gorbachev "in his efforts to reform his country and... to release some of the bonds on their "There is nothing off the table countries."

Maronite clerics warn Aoun of partition

Christian clerics warned Christian army commander Michel Aoun Tuesday that his rejection of an Arab-sponsored peace agreement could lead to the partition of war-torn Lebanon.

But a source close to Aoun said he would block any attempt by parliament to elect a new president, the next stage in implementing the plan.

The clerics said in a statement: The accord has divided the Lebanese into those rejecting it and those endorsing it... this division in views has its great dangers, which if not contained, can lead the country to partition."

It was issued after a three-hour meeting chaired by Lebanon's highest Maronite religious leader, Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir, at his seat in Bkirki, northeast of

"Partition will destroy Lebanon... and we don't want to think

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Maronite that a Lebanese official has the ment Speaker Hussein Husseini courage to bear such a grave responsibility," it said in a clear reference to Aoun.

Aoun, who launched a "war of liberation" in March to oust the 33,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon, rejects the pact because it fails to guarantee the rapid withdrawal of the Syrian army.

But the accord has the support of all Christian parties, militias and religious leaders, including

Arab League envoy Lakhdar Ibrahimi contacted because officials for a sixth day to prepare for parliament to convene by Nov. 7 to elect a head of state.

There was no indication when or where parliament might meet. Lebanon was left without a president when deputies failed to choose a successor to outgoing President Amin Gemayel in September last year.

In Damascus, acting Parlia-

told reporters after talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad that he would announce a date and venue for the session after he returned to Beirut and conferred with Ibrahimi.

The source close to Aoun, head of a military cabinet vying for power with a Syrian-backed, civilian government, ruled out presidential elections in line with the accord agreed by deputies in Taif, Saudi Arabia, last week.

"There will be no presidential elections," the source told Reu-He said Aoun, who commands

15,000 mainly Christian troops, was considering several ways of blocking an election, including dissolving parliament and declaring a state of emergency.

The right-wing Falange party, led by George Saadeh, one of the

58 deputies who signed the pact, said dissolving parliament would

be "unconstitutional and destroy pull back to eastern Lebanon but the foundations of the Lebanese a decision on their total withrepublic." "The Lebanese election is the years after the political reforms

last opportunity to save Lebanon. We call on all deputies to help ensure a successful election," it said in a statement. Some legislative sources said

Aoun, named by Gemayel to lead an interim government, was not empowered to dissolve parliament because his duties were limited to ensuring the election of a president.

Others said his administration entrusted with the powers of the president, which included the right to dissolve the assembly. The pact, backed by Arab and other foreign powers, would transfer power from the Maronite

Christian president to a Christian-Muslim cabinet led by a Sunni Muslim prime minister.

Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi ended talks in Syria Tuesday Officials said Klibi met Vice-

are enacted.

drawal would be left until two

President Abdul Halim Khaddam before flying on to Tunis. Gemayel, Lebanon's last presi-

dent, backed the Arab plan but objected to Syria's continued military presence. In his first statement since

was the only executive power Lebanese parliamentarians signed the accord in Taif. Gemayel praised the agreement's provisions for political reforms.
"Without doubt, the Taif

accord constitutes an important breakthrough on the road to peace," he said in a statement issued in Paris, where he has lived since his mandate as president Syrian troops would gradually ended in November 1988.

Ozal elected president despite rival boycott

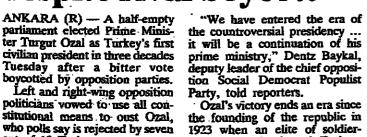
civilian president in three decades Tuesday after a bitter vote boycotted by opposition parties. Left and right-wing opposition politicians vowed to use all constitutional means to oust Ozal, who polis say is rejected by seven out of 10 Turks.

Ozal takes office Nov. 9, succeeding former General Kenan Evren who led the 1980-83 military clampdown that crushed political extremist violence of the late 1970x.

Ozal won 263 votes in the 450-seat parliament, where his Motherland Party has 285 seats, giving him the straight majority needed to win in the third round of balloting.

Opposition leaders charged that Motherland was using an outdated majority to foist an unpopular leader on the inflationplagued country and fear he will Politicise the traditionally nonpartisan presidency.

· I will work with all my power to maintain national unity," Ozal, 62, told cheering Motherland deputies in the parmaner chamber.



bureaucrats dominated Turkey.

The only other civilian president,

Celal Bayar, was overthrown by a

1960 coup after 10 years as head of state. "I believe a new, enlightened path will be opened. Where I am heading, you must see a different Ozal," the new president said in a farewell speech to Motherland

deputies. Ozal's sole opponent, 77-yearold party colleague Fethi Celik-

bas, took 14 votes. Eight ballot papers were blank. Deputy Prime Minister Ali Bozer is expected to succeed Ozal as caretaker premier until a Motherland congress in mid-

come the new party leader. Party sources say Ozal will ultimately choose his successor. Ozal polled Motherland deputies Tuesday on 18 possible

November decides who will be-



names but kept the result secret. The party is split between feuding pro-Islamic, conservative and liberal factions.

"We have a tough period ahead for the party. Everyone has put his name forward and its trying to get chosen," said Kaya Erdem, a former deputy premier who fell out with Ozal in 1988.

Ozal is credited with transforming Turkey's economy in six years of power since 1983, boosting exports, ending chronic payments deficits, lifting exchange controls, liberalising markets and freeing the business and banking foundation pillars lacked iron reinforcing rods.

Algeria says over 700 injured in quake

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Algeria Tuesday revised sharply upwards the number of people wounded in last Sunday's powerful earthquake centred west of the capital. A new official toll read on Algiers radio kept deaths unchanged at 23, but put the num-ber of wounded 746, more than three times higher than earlier

Hundreds of families, especially in the reign of Al Nador, a farming village 65 kilometres west of Algiers, were left home-

The official daily Al Moudjahid estimated that three-quarters of the houses in Nador, which has a population of 7,000, were uninhabitable. The Algerian news agency APS

said a housing development with 45 houses in Sidi-Moussa, two kilometres from Nador, had been nearly completed destroyed. APS quoted residents as saying the houses, built in 1974, crum-

bled because their walls and

Victims of the earthquake protested Tuesday, 36 hours later, that the authorities reacted too slowly to their plight.

Algiers Radio said tents ar-

rived in the devastated town of Al Nador, Monday night but stakes to put them up did not get there until Tuesday. "Many families are still outdoors," said a radio reporter who visited the scene. Eight of the

worst-hit families were still without food at mid-day, he said. The Algerian news agency APS said demonstrators blocked roads in three towns, Sidi-Moussa, Sidi-Amar and Cherchell, obstructing the distribution of aid. It said talks were under way with local

authorities to try to ease tensions. The communist vanguard Socialist Party, in the first opposition response to the slowness of quake aid, said a comprehensive emergency plan should be implemented.

"The measures taken are insufficient, given the experience acquired by Algeria," a party statement said.

King cables condolences to Beniedid

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday sent a cable of condolences to Algerian President Chadli Benjedid on the death and injuries caused by an earthquake that struck northern

Algeria Sunday evening.
King Hussein expressed his sympathy and that of the Jordanian people and government over the tragic loss of life and requested the president to convey his condolences to the bereaved families. The King wished the Algerian people progress and prosperity.

On Monday, truckloads of anti-riot troops arrived in Nador to break up a demonstration which had blocked a national highway for five hours.

An Algerian Red Cross official told Reuters it had sent blankets and tents to the region. He called on companies and the people to help it to replenish its emergency

PFLP claims suicide 'boat bomb' attack

Palestinian group claimed re-sponsibility Tuesday for blowing fighters was killed. up an Israeli gunship off the Lebanese coast.

"Our naval forces belonging to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) — the unit of Martyr Wadih Haddad destroyed and sank an Israeli Zionist gunship with all its crew in the area of Ras Al Nagoura, said a PFLP spokesman in Beirut. An Israeli army spokesman

said an Arab guerrilla was killed and three Israeli soldiers wounded Monday in a clash off the coast at sea. of Lebanon between a boat and an Israeli gunship. Abu Ali Mustafa, deputy lead-

er of the PFLP, told Renters in Damascus his group would step up military activities to support the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories. "These operations will con-

tinue until the achievement of all our people's rights," he said in his office in the Syrian capital.

BEIRUT (Agencies) - A blew up and sank the Israeli

Israeli officials said one of its Dvora class gunships was unharmed in a suicide raid by a Palestinian in a fishing-boat. The attacker blew himself up and a gunboat crewman was wounded and two scratched by flying wreckage.

and donkeys have been used in previous suicide attacks against Israeli targets but Israeli sources. said it was the first such operation

Explosives-loaded cars, trucks

The incident took place at nightfall off the Lebanese border town of Nagoura.

"The vessel was asked to identify itself, the Israelis fired in the air, the vessel continued to advance in the direction of the Israeli naval vessel and blew itself up," one military source said.

He said the guerrilla vessel was clearly in sight when the blast shook the Israeli gunship but He said PFLP naval forces caused no apparent damage.

Kabul wrests back control of Salang

KABUL (R) - Afghan troops wrested back control of the vital Salang Highway Tuesday after a devastating missile attack on guerrillas who had closed the road for nine days.

Some 100 trucks carrying food had arrived in the Afghan capital by nightfall Tuesday. Many more were expected on Wednesday along Kabul's lifeline to the Soviet Union.

The threat of ambush by fighters loyal to guerrilla commandr Ahmad Shah Masood had left more than 1,000 trucks carrying vital supplies stranded in the north of Afghanistan for more than a week, officials said earlier.

Afghan government spokesman Mohammad Amani said Tuesday more than 200 guerrillas had been killed by Soviet Scud missiles — which raze an area several hundred metres around their point of impact — launched from bases in Kabul.

Troops first warned civilians living along the road to "separate themselves" from Masood's men or be caught in the battle zone,"

"The government talked to the villagers, saying the road needed to be opened and that we ex-

TEL AVIV (AP) — An Israeli government official confirmed Tuesday that Washington had

questioned Israel several times

about its reported transfer of

missile technology to South

But Prime Minister Yitzhak

Shamir's office denied Israel had

conveyed any such technology to

South Africa, despite allegations

to the contrary by a U.S. official

Africa sharing missile technology emerged in the aftermath of an

: NBC-TV report last week of

cooperation between the two

veloping nuclear missiles.

lear potential.

countries, specifically on de-

American officials later con-

firmed that Israel and South Afri-

ca were partners in several prog-

rammes to develop ballistic mis-

siles, including an intermediate-

range missile and one with nuc-

Israeli leaders have strongly

denied violating American reg-

ulations by maintaining atomic

links with South Africa or provid-

ing Pretoria with American or

U.S.-funded military technology.

At stake for Israel is \$1.8 bil-

lion in annual military assistance

from Washington, which could be

ieopardised if Israel was found to

be violating American rules gov-

Defence Minister Yitzhak

erning weapons proliferation.

The charges of Israel and South

in Washington Monday.

pected them to isolate these men," Amani said.

Villagers complied and then the scuds were fired, Amani said. He said Masood had earlier refused government offers of negotiations and denied claims made by the guerrilla leader that his forces had been attacked by planes flown by Soviet pilots as

Prices of flour and fuel have soared in Kabul in recent days as Kabul residents hoarded supplies out of fear of a prolonged guerrilla blockade.

"God is great," said one Kabul man on hearing the Salang Highway had been opened.

None of the trucks to arrive Tuesday were carrying flour or fuel oil, however.

Kabul was virtually free of Mujahedeen rockets attacks Tuesday, after three days of heavy bombardment that left at least 16 civilians dead. Two rockets fell in the capital but no casualties were

Israeli official confirms

U.S. queries on S. Africa

Rabin reflected Israel's fears ab-

out potential American economic

sanctions in a strong statement on

Israel television Monday night.

South Africa in something that

relates to nuclear issues is essen-

tially false and has no basis and no truth whatsoever," Rabin

said. "Therefore there is no

reason for those leaders in the

Congress and elements in the

administration to change their

approach to Israel on the issue of

ped short of denying any military

connections with South Africa's

minority white regime. Israel has

a close and longstanding ties to

U.S. pressures two yers ago and

banned any additional business

deals with South Africa but did

Richard Clarke, an assistant

secretary of state, told reporters

in Washington Monday that the

United States had learned

through intelligence channels in

January of the Israel-South Afri-

to Israeli officials at that time and

added: "We are still having a

diplomatic dialogue" with Israel

He spoke to reporters after a

hearing by the House of Repre-

He said Washington objected

ca cooperation on missiles.

on the subject.

not cut existing contracts.

The cabinet buckled under to

Israel's statements have stop-

military aid.

South Africa.

"Any attempt to link Israel to

In an effort to show govern-ment advances against the Mujahedeen - who control most of the countryside in the east of the country - authorities took journalists by helicopter to a gorge in the Lalandar area, 30 kilometres south of Kabul and newly-captured from guerrilla control.

An army platoon stationed in a former Mujahedeen rocket base in the gorge showed off hundreds of captured rockets, shells, grenades, mines - and the severed head of a man they said had been a Saudi Arabian guerrilla fighting with the opposition.

The gorge was captured after 70 government troops, disguised in peasant dress, walked to the stronghold posing as fighters wanting to join forces with the Mujahedeen. They then opened fire at close range, an officer at the site said.

Authorities are anxious to show morale as high among the Soviet-equipped army, after the Western predictions that it would crumble with the pullout of Soviet troops in February.

"As long as there is an Aghanistan, we will keep this valley,

sentatives Foreign Affairs Com-

mittee on the spread of missile technology in which Israel's role

in South Africa also was dis-

statement Tuesday saying:

"There is no cooperation be-

tween Israel and South Africa.

we are not passing on any tech-

by telephone, confirmed the di-

plomatic exchanges on alleged

Israeli-South African links on

Speaking on condition of

anonymity, the official said

approaches to the Israeli govern-

ment on this matter." He refused

The defence and foreign minis-

According to intelligence re-

ports published in the United

States, Israel tested a modified

version of its Jericho II medium-

range missile near Capte Town

last summer. Israel's own Jericho

II missile was test-fired over the

Mediterranean last year. It has a

range of more than 1.400

In a related development, offi-

cials here confirmed reports

Tuesday that Israel expressed in-

terest in purchasing a \$1.1 billion

Canadian nuclear reactor to pro-

tries refused to comment.

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But one Israeli official, reached

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kilometres.

Shamir's office published a

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Bashir accuses Ethiopia of allowing SPLA attack

remained intact with Muslim and Christian offic-

toum, after two weeks of inten-

sive shelling by rebels from inside Ethiopia. The rebels said they

seized the town after the with-

It was the most serious breach

of a de facto ceasefire in effect

In his speech. Bashir said the

rebel attack was "an unjustified

act of aggression that reveals the

confusion of Colonel Garang's

movement and those behind it.

The attack also reveals the move-

ment's ill-intentions towards

Sudan's new military regime,

which overthrew Prime Minister

Sadeq Al Mahdi's civilian govern-

ment last June 30, has said since

that it wants to end the ruinous

civil war at the negotiating table,

not on the battlefield. One round

of talks in August ended incon-

clusively with agreement to meet

Bashir said the government has

While vowing to continue fight-

ing "until we liberate every inch

of our national territories," he

taken "necessary measures to

contain the situation militarily,

politically and diplomatically.'

again but no date set.

the rebel movement.

ers cooperating with each other.

drawal.

since April 1.

KHARTOUM (AP) - Sudan's kilometres southeast of Kharmilitary strongman condemned the Ethiopian government for allowing Sudanese rebels to launch a cross-border assault that forced the army to abandon a town to the attackers.

MAINTAINING VIGIL: Lebanese riot policemen

checking cars in the Lebanese capital Beirut

recently. Somehow this force, Squad 16, has

Italian

doctor

body in

Libya

examines

ROME (R) — Libyan authorities

Monday allowed an Italian police

doctor to examine the body of

Roberto Ceccato who was killed

last week during a wave of anti-Italian feeling in Tripoli, the Ita-

The agency said Doctor Arturo

Poezio, accompanied by a senior police official and a forensic ex-

pert, arrived in the Libyan capital

at the weekend to join an inves-

Relations between Rome and

Tripoli have been strained since

Ceccato was shot dead and his

body set on fire at the beight of

anti-Italian demonstrations coin-

ciding with the anniversary of the Italian invasion of Libya in 1911.

when Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi made threats against Italy

on Italian television

from 1911 to 1943.

returned to Rome.

1969.

The mood did not improve

Qadhafi said Libya would step

up demands for reparations from

Rome for thousands of Libyans

Tripoli says were killed, injured

or deported during colonial rule

settled with the monarchy of King

Idris, deposed by Qadhali in

Nicola Simone, the head of the

Italian Interior Ministry's inter-

pol section, said the results of the

autopsy and the investigation into

Ceccato's death would be made

public when the three-man team

says the claim was legally

tigation into Ceccato's death.

lian news agency AGI said.

In a Monday night speech, Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir characterised the attack on the border post Kurmuk as "unjustified ... aggres-

"Ethiopia has allowed the outlaws to launch their attack from its territory at a time when a peace delegation was about to leace for Addis Ababa to meet (the rebels) and while Sudan is Renegade army Colonel John Garang is founder and leader of using its good offices to mediate between Ethiopian and Eritrean factions," Bashir said.

The Ethiopian government denied that Sudanese rebels had used its territory to shell Kurmuk. An Ethiopian Foreign Ministry spokesman in Addis Ababa said Monday that the Sudan government's allegation "utterly false and unwas founded '

Ethiopia has been the main supporter of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) in its 61/2-year-old civil war in the south. It has provided financial and military support and allowed the rebels to maintain camps inside Ethiopia. Likewise, Ethiopia has accused dudan of aiding Ethiopian rebels from the northern territories of Entrea and

In recent months, each country appeared to be moving towards accommodating the other by tapering off overt support. Last weekend, Bashir's govern-

ment announced a "tactical withdrawal" from Kurmuk, 600

called for patience to give the overoment time to seek a peace ful settlement.

The SPLA said Monday its forces had attacked Kurmuk from inside Sudan.

Its clandestine radio station said SPLA guerrillas, led by Wil-

liam Nyuan-Bandy, seized tanks, rocket lauchers and heavy weapons as government troops

Turkey, Bulgaria agree to meet again

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Government ministers from Turkey and The ving relations between their atmosphere."

The only day of meetings, brought about by Kuwaiti mediation, ended in the evening. They

There are an estimated one million ethnic Turkish Muslims in Bulgaria, a third of whom fled to Turkey earlier this year to escape a forced assimilation drive in the Communist country.
The emir, Sheikh Jaber Al

Ahmad Al Sabah, promoted the idea of the meeting during recent trips to Ankara, Turkey and Var- a ban on Turksih names, the na. Bulgaria in his capacity of chairman of the 46-nation Organiation of the Islamic Conference

The organisation, of which Turkey is a member, has strongly condemned the Bulgarian prac-A joint communique issued af- hind.

ter the talks between Bulgarian Deputy Prime Minister Georgi Yordanov and Turkish Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz said "in light of the encouraging impression that developed during the talks, the two ministers decided to hold another meeting in Kuwait in 1989.'

It said the delegations "renecessary background and political will for conducting a dialogue to normalise Turkish-

The communique expressed Bulgaria skirted the issue of the two countries' "deep appreciation" of Kuwait's role in setday but agreed to meet again here ting up the talks and making sure in November to discuss impro- they were "conducted in a good

direct reference to the issue of the ethnic Turks in Bulgaria. Bulgarkish minority in the country, in sisting they are Bulgarian. between top officials from the two countries to try to resolve the ibly converted to Islam during of Trackish five centuries of Turkish rule.

"Positive but insufficient," was how Yilmaz described the how Yilmaz described the discus-

sions to reporters.

Around 310,000 ethnic Turks streamed across the border to Turkey from June to August to escape what they called a forced assimilation campaign including assimilation campaign, including speaking of Turkish and Islamic observances. Turkish officials said they de the

wanted to secure property and other rights for Turks who left Bulgaria, regulate the flow of new refugees and protect the starting rights of those who stayed be-

Stefan Staikov, head of the Balkan department in the Bulgarian Foreign Ministry, said Bulgaria had come to Kuwait prepared to discuss all topics across present the board. These could include "huma-

nitarian issues - the reunification of divided families, for instance, (and) to give more facilities 35 100 viewed the prospects of the for those who crossed the border and travelled to foreign coun-20 100 to E tries," he told Reuters.

The two ministers declined to THE SEC. Bulgarian relations, which have make any further statements at been strained for the last few the end of the talks.

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Iran adopts draft law to arrest Americans NICOSIA (AP) — The Iranian world will be tried by Iranian

parliament Tuesday passed a draft law that would give the Islamic republic the right to arrest Americans who took action against its citizens or property anywhere in the world and take them to Iran for trial.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said more than 150 deputies in the 270-seat parliament approved the bill.

The bill gives the Iranian president the right to "take the necessary measures when needed for the arrest and punishment of Americans convicted by the Iranian judiciary." IRNA said.

An American who took any action against the lives of Iranian citizens or the interests of the Islamic republic anywhere in the

courts under Islamic law, the bill 2MM. states. The bill "aims at preserving the

prestige and territorial integrity of the Islamic republic, safeguarding the lives and properties of Iranian nationals abroad and defending the interests of the state of the Islamic republic." IRNA said.

The deputies who introduced the bill said it was a response to a similar measure recently approved by the U.S. Congress. The Iranian law covers all coun- ZEID VISITS tries that give the right of arrest these and a to U.S. law enforcement agencies action in the contract of the and would remain in effect 25 Eq. long as the American presiden "enjoys the right to commit such MIFORCE D.

irresponsible acts," the IRNA TREATER report said. ga errichten

PIA AIRHOSTESS WINS TITLE

Details are now available of the Paris contest in which, in the world's most elegant city, PIA Airbostess Miss Sumaira Wasi Khan won the Miss World Airlines title for elegance. A large Parisian audience in

cluding members of the international press watched with interest as Sumaira appeared at the head of the grand staircase of the famous Casino de Paris where the contest was staged. In a plain black and gold formal gown, tall (5.8"), willowy (120 lbs) Sumaira presented a picture of Eastern modesty and grace. With her hair done up in a traditional bug. it was the PIA Airhostess's warm personality, grooming and gentle manners and style that enabled ber to stand out from among the large number of major airlines of the world competing stewar-

Back home in Karachi, she is still starry eyed at her success as she displays to admiring PIA colleagues the gold-plated trophy she won. The artistic trophy con-

sists of a muted gold female figurine holding aloft a large cup. The trophy carries the following engraved wording. "Miss Airline World 1989 First prize for elegance"

Judging at the competition was carried out in three categories: Elegance, Uniform and Swimming Costume. The PIA hostess won the first, came fourth in the second and stayed away from the third. This is the first time that the national carrier has participated in a contest of this kind.

Sumaira Wasi Khan a graduate from Sukkur, gives the credit for her victory and her successful airline career to her mother, a school teacher.

Her big interest is poetry. which she says she has been writing since her school days. Sumaira describes her almost five years with the airline in glowing terms. She has enjoyed exploring the world and more than any other country admires Japan and his civic-minded citizens.

MARKET PRICES

Qadhafi cracks down on Islamic fundamentalists 🎇

By Philip Shehadi Reuter

TRIPOLI - Libvan leader Muammar Qadhafi is cracking down on Islamic fundamentalist groups which form a small but apparently growing challenge to his socialist revolution. In a little publicised passage

of a 31/2 hour speech earlier this month to an extraordinary session of the Libyan General People's Congress, or parliament. Qadhafi revealed that pitched battles with fundamentalists had taken place in recent

He launched a blistering

attack on the fundamentalists, whom he called heretics, and told the congress they should be fought "ferociously and severely.

"These new heretics," he said in a clear reference to fundamentalist groups, "are more dangerous than cancer or

Western diplomats say Qadhafi has moved decisively to suppress them and they appeared to pose no major threat to his leadership. But the ferocity of the attack

suggested they were a growing Qadhafi said an armed group

had set up positions near the city of Ajdabiya in eastern

"They said they considered the people of Ajdabiva to be non-believers. that they had other groups in Misrata and Benghazi, and they would leave these regions to enter them again as conquerors," Qadhafi

will be northwesterly moderate in Agaba, winds will be contherly moder-

Qadhafi has set up his own Islamic call (Propagation) League, headquartered in a luxurious skyscraper complex by the sea, and recently hosted an Islamic conference in Benghazi that led to formation of a Libya-based "World Islamic

"We will not permit these

Al Sharaa' pharmacy

destruction of the Arab Nation to serve the Israelis, the Americans, Zionism and imperialism Qadhafi spoke favourably of Tunisian fundamentalist leader

Rachid Ghannouchi, disting-uishing him from what he called "planters of bombs and charla-Libya has cracked down of



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Libya south of Benghazi, threatening to fire on anyone who approached.

Shots were exchanged with security forces, and members of the group were killed or arrested. He did not say when the incident took place.

Oadhafi is especially sensitive to criticism by fundamentalists. Alcohol is banned, state-built

mosques proliferate, and among the many slogans that adorn Tripoli streets is "the Koran — the law of society.

heretics to accuse us of atheism before the rest of the Islamic world," Oadhafi said. "The question is one of the

tans.

fundamentalists before. Libyan television in February 1987 showed six men being hanged and three soldiers shot



by firing squad for treason. They were said to belong to Ai

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IN ZARQA, Muslim candidates are asking their backers to give their votes to Dr. Munib Al Wirr, a hearded Christian physician. Zarqa activists are now referring to Dr. Wirr as "Sheikh Munib"!

THE FORMATION of blocs has spread all over the country in the last week preceding the elections. The blocs are either cross-country or within individual constituencies. The largest number of blocs in Karak with five groupings. From the composition of these blocs it seems that leftist candidates are now fragmented between four of these blocs. Good luck (or is it bad luck)?

ADVERTISERS, propelled by the mood of elections are using candidate-like siogans to promote their merchandise. At least two ads that appeared in the local Arabic press urged people, with black bold headlines to ELECT their commodities!

THE SUPPORTERS of one candidate, a former journalist, hung his banner on a side wall that won't be visible to people, but which can be seen from the office window of a rival on another issue.

FOR SOME women voters, dehates, mainly those restricted to the "better half," are an occasion to go to their hairdressers and flaunt the latest lines in fashion and jewlery. Arriving late and tiptoeing on high-heeled shoes, they theatrically take their seats and start exchanging rumours related to the elections.

IN WADI Sagra, amidst a gigantic wave of election banners, a yellow-coloured banner advertises an entertainment evening which includes a singer and a belly dancer currently running at one of the city botels.

A DRIVER, deeply distracted by posters and stickers picturing candidates plastered all over a car, found himself following the car in question trying to get as close as possible to be able to read the messages they convey. But soon he discovered that he was heading in a direction opposite to his intended destination.

A CANDIDATE in Karak described former Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat, a "maestro" of his attempt to organise his large-numbered family in the north to name only one candidate to represent them in the coming parliament. The candidate was answering a question on why his own family did not follow the same example.

IN HIS personal profile, a candidate modestly mentions that he speaks Eaglish and some French and Spanish. "Tu parle le Français monsieur?" This candidate seems to think that commanding three languages is a pre-requisite to a parliamentary seat.

Fuad Abu Teir, one of the 23 candidates in the First District has withdrawn from the race, Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Amin said Tuesday.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

SHARIF ZEID VISITS GHQ: Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Tuesday called at the Armed Forces Headquarters where he met with Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb and discussed with him issues of concern to the Armed Forces.

LABOUR FORCE DATA BANK: As part of the Ministry of ministry is currently studying the prospect of establishing a data bank for Jordanian and Arab labour markets to organise the process of employing Jordanian workforce. In a meeting held Monday under the chairmanship of Minister of Labour Jamal Al Bedour, participants discussed ways of bringing such a proposal into reality. (Petra)

ACC UNIVERSITIES: A four-day meeting to open in Cairo Nov. 22 will pave the way for the establishment of a board of directors to run the federation of universities in the four member Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries. The meeting, which will be held at the universities' deputy presidents level, is expected to discuss ways to achieve a higher degree of cooperation and coordination among ACC universities, to reach a unified strategy on higher education and to exchange expertise and experience which would be of benefit to all ACC universities. (Petra)

Training seminar ends on demographic education

information related to population education organised by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) was concluded in Amman Tuesday.

Educationalists from the minis-tries of education of 10 Arab countries including Jordan took part in the course which included lectures, discussions and practical work on techniques of providing such information, according to a spokesman for the Amman-based UNESCO regional office.

AMMAN (J.T.) — A 10-day and the participants took part in a training seminar on disseminating workshop to prepare materials workshop to prepare materials used at schools and in recording on video tapes most of the training programme for application at different schools," the spokes-

> The subjects taken were related to science, mathematics, humanities, Arabic and Islamic religion. They are to be included in disciplines given to preparatory and secondary students in the Arab world.

The course was designed by UNESCO to help experts to in-"Ways and methods of troduce population education topics at schools were discussed; troduce population education topics within the school curricula in Arab countries.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

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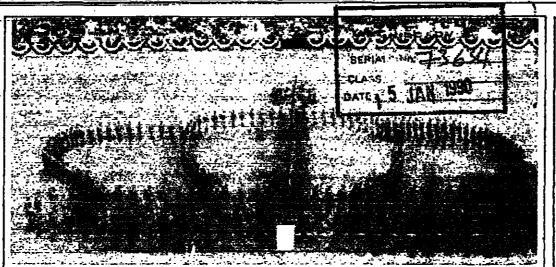
An art exhibition by Fuad Mini and 'Ammar Khammash at Abdel Hamid Shoman Foundation's Scientific and Cultural

🛪 An art exhibition by Jordanian artist Mohammad Al Qaddonni displaying oil and watercolour paintings depicting nature in Jordan, at the Housing Bank Gallery.

* Islamic calligraphy exhibition at Jordan National Gallery. * A fine art exhibition at the Royal Cultural Centre — 6:00 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM

A symposium on the "Future of Democracy in Jordan at the Royal Cultural Centre — 5:00 p.m.



SPORTS FESTIVAL: The Jordanian Armed Forces Tuesday staged a sports festival at the Al Hussein Youth City. His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces attended the festival, which included various activities, including tug-of-war, running competitions, physical fitness exercises, tae kwon free jumping and artistic performances.



Petra Bank arrests continue

Staff Writer

AMMAN — Ten people have been detained for questioning in the Petra Bank case - six bank employees and four who have had past dealings with the bank — the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said Tuesday. The 10 were detained Oct. 29 and Oct. 30 and are still in detention, according to the Petra report.

According to information available to the Jordan Times, at least 20 people were detained over the weekend in continuing investigations into the Petra Bank affair, and it was not clear Tuesday whether the arrests reported by the news agency were included in the earlier detentions. Public Security Department (PSD) sources told the Jordan Times Monday that the number of arrests had gone up, and unconfirmed reports said the total number of people held in connection with the case was around 30.

line with instructions from the Economic Security Committee," said a source at the Public Security Department (PSD)

Sunday. But it was not known if the preparation for trial of the first banking scandal to hit Jordan. "As of now, we do not have any indications whether the detentions were ordered pending trial," said the PSD source on condition of anonymity.

One of those detained. according to the source, is Ali Saraf, former chief dealer of Petra Bank and close associate of Ahmad Chalabi, the fugitive ex-chairman of the bank.

The military governor has issued a decree ordering court martial for all suspects involved in the case. The order included "anyone, a bank employee, client or accomplice, who is found involved, directly or indirectly, in fraud, embezzlement, misuse of funds, and speculation against the dinar and in the Amman financial market."

None of the top officials of the new management of Petra Bank was willing to discuss the case, in line with a decision taken earlier this week. Contacted Sunday by the Jordan Times, a member of the Petra that "justice is taking its course.

In the meantime, assets of 37

companies linked to Petra Bank, Chalabi and some of the Iraqi-born banker's family redetentions were ordered in main frozen by an order issued

by the Central Bank of Jordan (ČBJ). The order prevents the companies from disposing of their assets, including land, shares and deposits except with permission from the government-appointed committee managing Petra Bank as well as the smaller Jordan-Gulf Bank.

The companies listed included hotels, moneychangers. industrial companies, investment houses, tourism related firms and import-export com-

It is not yet clear whether investigations have uncovered further "discrepancies" in Petra Bank dealings other than the missing \$68 million re-ported by Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh, last month.

The extent to which Petra Bank and Chalabi were involved in the foreign exchange crisis that shook the country early this year is not clear yet, but many bankers say that operations conducted by the bank were not always above board. Jardaneh has said that Chalabi was channelling funds borrowed from the CBJ to make side the country and Petra Bank was unable to comply with a CBJ requirement that 35 per cent of all foreign exchange deposits held by commercial banks be deposited with the CBJ.

Arab organisations discuss social, voluntary programmes

CAIRO (Petra) — Jordan is taking part in a conference of private Arab organisations to discuss social and voluntary activities and programmes in the Arab World.

Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, chairperson of the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund (QAF) board of trustees, is among 300 participants attending the meeting, which was opened by Egyptian First Lady Susanne Mubarak.

The director of the QAF's projects department, Mohammad Akel, addressed the opening session, outlining the fund's activities and voluntary work in Jordan in general. The QAF's experiments, will be among the main topics for discussion at the threeday meeting.

The Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) is also taking part in the conference.

The meeting will deal with relations among various private organisations in Arab and foreign countries, the experience of Third World nations in social and

voluntary work and coordination in social and voluntary affairs within the Arab region. Several Arab and world organisations and funds, including the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Develop- from 25 countries.

ment, are financing the meeting. NHF is represented by Isam

Information on handicapped

Jordan is also taking part in an international technical seminar in Tunis on improving exchange of information about the hand-

icapped.
Dr. Yasaer Salem, director of the Amman-based Nazek Al Hariri Special Education Centre. will submit a comprehensive report to the meeting, outlining Jordan's experiment in providing rehabilitation services to its handicapped children. Salem, who is a member of the Jordanian team at the meeting, said he would distribute books and brochures, and screen documentary films to project Jordan's experiments during

the three-day seminar. Salem said that the seminar was attended by information experts specialising in social development and voluntary services

Jordan, Egypt to sign deal for linking national power grids

AMMAN (J.T.) - Jordan and Egypt will Thursday sign a deal for a project to link their national grids as a preliminary step for possible future linkage of power suplies within the Arab World.

Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib is due to arrive in Cairo Wednesday for the signing ceremony, which paves the way for the implementation of the first phase of the project, expected to start in 1990. The project is partly financed by the Arab Fund for Economic Development (AFED).

Jordan and Egypt in June announced that they had reached

finance the project with an initial \$170 million loan for the first stage. A feasibility study on the project had been completed awaiting the commencement of work early next year.

four years to complete, will entail laying a 300-kilometre, 500-kilovolt line linking the town of Suez in Egypt and Aqaba in Jordan, according to Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) Director General Mohammad Saeed Arafa. Arafa said an 11-kilometre sub-

The project, expected to take

marine cable line would be laid

agreement with the AFED to transformer stations and other

installations along the route. According to Egyptian Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Maher Abaza, who will sign the accord with Khatib, the project was endorsed by experts of energy in a number of Arab countries neighbouring Egypt and Jordan at a meeting held last wek in Cairo. The experts had met to finalise plans for further power linkage with the Jorda-

nian-Egyptian grid.

Abaza said that a pan-Arab
power network could be established within seven years, accordbetween Sinai and Aqaba with ing to an initial feasibility study

Ex-PSD officers honoured

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Public Security Department (PSD) honoured its former director Abdul Hadi Al Majali and senior aides who had resigned and retired last month.

In his address at the honour ceremony PSD Director Major-General Fadel Ali Fuheid praised the efforts of his predecessor and his senior aides for helping to modernise the department and boosting its services. thanked the

and noted with deep gratitude the essential assistance of PSD officers who helped to promote the department's services for the public.

The PSD director later presented Majali and the retiring officers with token gifts.

Swedish delegation briefed on Mideast political situation delegation the roots of the Arab-

AMMAN (Petra) — A Swedish educational delegation, headed by Karl Henrick, currently on a visit to Jordan, visited the University of Jordan and met with its vice president for planning and community development, Muhammad Adnan Al Bakhit. and Professor Kamel Abu Jaber from the Political Sciences De-

Abu Jaber reviewed with the

Israeli conflict and the latest developments in the Middle East. Abu Jaber also detailed

Israel's oppressive measures against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories and called on all Western countries to support all peaceful initiatives in the region to help achieve peaceful coexistence among the region's countries.

JCO expands pilot project

Cooperative Organisation (JCO), raq and the Jordan Valley. in cooperation with the Ministry

The move, the statement s of Agriculture, has decided to increase the area of land where a pilot project for increasing cereal production is being implemented.

A JCO statement said areas would now be extended to become 9000 dunums in Irbid, and Madaba regions, 3000 dunums in

AMMAN (JT) - The Jordan Karak and 1,500 dunums in Maf-

was part of a drive to encourage farmers to increase their output The statement called on farmers wishing to participate in the project to call at the Ministry of Agriculture's stations located in Karak, Madaba, Irbid, Mushaq-

qar and Rabbah near Karak.

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Formidable challenge

ALL of the six major challenges confronting the Kingdom that His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan high-lighted Monday are formidable yet can be addressed with determination and careful preparedness. In these trying days preceding the Nov. 8 parliamentary elections, the dangers posed by extremism, which figured highly on the list of challenges, are obviously most pressing. Some candidates' slogans and platforms indeed suggest that extremism has come to the fore in a style and manner hitherto unknown in the country. In a country that for generations took pride in its moderation and centrism, the rise of extremism among some Jordanians is indeed a matter of great concern. This requires diligence, not only from the government, but also from the Jordanian people who are after all the final arbiters of the course of the country. This in turn requires Jordanians faithful to the true colour of the country to speak out more openly and boldly against the ominous rise of spectacular extremism and work together for its fall before it takes deeper roots in the ranks of the people.

To be sure the most effective antidote to extremism is constructive pluralism which can be promoted by reason and mutual tolerance of competing ideas and propositions Of course this is easier said than done as this honourable goal calls for appropriate educational programmes that need to be nurtured right from the word go. The natural habitat for sowing this noble objective is of course in schools. This should be instituted as early as possible in order to breed a generation of Jordanians who respect and tolerate the views and beliefs of their fellow countrymen. The country cannot be expected to reverse the tide of extremism from the final end of the tunnel but rather from the very beginning when our children are at the outset of their formative years.

Unfortunately, few, if any, of the candidates for the

November parliamentary elections, the prominent ones among them included, have spoken their word on the rise and hopefully fall of extremism. It is puzzling why they have chosen to be silent on issues that in many ways surpass in importance many of their other spectacular promises and pledges. If they are silent now they may never have the courage to speak out in the future when the battle against extremism may entail a stronger show of commitment. The country and the voters, therefore, invite the various candidates vying for seats in the Lower House of the Parliament to take up this particular challenge posed by Crown Prince Hassan and reveal their true intentions and programmes of work on how to deal such a phenomenon. Of course the electorates would be more than grateful if the other challenges listed by the Crown Prince are also given due attention during the so many election debates. The country is still waiting for them to do just that.

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Al Ra'i daily Tuesday dwelt again on the current election campaign, urging the public to beware of any practices that might turn the campaign into a market place for outbidding and a place for poisoning the minds and the hearts with hatred and negative attitudes. The paper warned of harmful and hostile elements which could endanger the democratic process. The paper said that the public is called on to help the election campaign succeed in a positive and constructive atmosphere which would help pave the way for a successful parliament. The election campaign is no doubt a democratic machinery which is inevitable before any parliamentary election in any country of the world but the Jordanian people are invited to make their current election campaign a model to be copied by others, and the voters and candidates alike are called on to employ their efforts towards creating the opportune and favourable atmosphere for the legislative council's success.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily Tuesday expresses the view that the Arab Nation should impose its will and implement an agreement reached in Saudi Arabia for bringing about a lasting peace to Lebanon. Tareq Masarweh says that Iran has no right to interfere in Arab affairs, and can by no means impose its will on the Arabs who chose to end all differences among various factions and reach a national reconciliation charter. The writer says Tehran has no right to speak for the Shi'ites of Lebanon on the pretext of religion and should by no means be allowed to supply arms to Lebanese factions to inflame the situation. Likewise, General Aoun can by no means confront the Christian community and the Muslims as well, and adhere to his own ideas, thus keeping his country in turmoil. Neither Aoun nor Tehran has the right to impede an Arab plan that has been accepted by the various parties and that has been deemed essential to bring about a lasting settlement, the writer adds. Therefore, the Iranians who were dealt an ignominious defeat in the Gulf should not be allowed the chance to maintain their policy of weakening the Arab Nation.

Al Dustour daily said that King Hussein's directives to the government to provide facilities that would ensure a successful election on Nov. 8, reflected his keenness on strengthening the democratic process in Jordan. The paper said that the government's conformity to the King's directives and its current preparations and the distribution of voter cards can only reflect its commitment to the democratic process. This attitude should therefore be met with a greater measure of responsibility on the part of the candidates and the voters who should do all they can to maintain and strengthen the spirit of national unity, the paper said. If the candidates want to contribute to a successful process. the paper noted, they should refrain from any negative attitudes which can harm the image of their country and their countrymen.

Lebanon peace pact avoids fundamental change

By Samia Nakhoul

BEIRUT - Lebanon's latest peace plan, widely seen as the most hopeful in 14 years of ruinous civil war, is an awkward compromise, redrawing the boundaries of power without scrapping the sectarian political

It is threatened by those unwilling to lose power, and by those who feel they would gain more from fundamental change.

But from Christian hardliners to pro-Iranian Muslim fundamentalists, Lebanese factions are under heavy pressure from public opinion, Arab leaders and foreign powers to push it through and hope for the best.

"It was not an ideal accord. It was not what the Christians, the Sunnis, the Druze or the Shi'ites really wanted," says an independent analyst. "The Maronites did not want

to lose their privileges but half a loss is better than a total loss." The first big test will come between now and November 7. Lebanon and the outside world will be waiting to see whether a ceasefire now five weeks old can last long enough for the parliamentary relics of pre-war days to ratify the accord and elect a president after an interregnum of

more than a year. Even that would be leave a long road ahead for the plan's ultimate objective — rebirth of the unified state which collapsed in 1975 into a nightmare of sectarian slaughter, private armies. warlord rule, and foreign intervention.

The plan was agreed this month by surviving members of a parliament elected in 1972.

They had to travel to the Saudi Arabian hill resort of Taif for the first concerted attempt they had ever mustered to tackle

issues underlying the war. After three weeks of talks they produced only minor changes to a ready-made plan presented by Arab mediators.

The shrillest opposition has come from Major-General Michel Aoun, who heads an interim government in the Christ-

He has not accepted that Syrian troops, who control two-thirds of the country, should remain at least another two years, overseeing the proposed reduction of Christian power.

Aoun commands the strongest section of the regular army and has support from thousands of hero-worshipping young Christ-

But after thunderous artillery battles that followed his open challenge to Syria in March, Aoun has lost the backing of major Christian politicians and warlords and of Patriarch Nasrallah Boutros Sfeir, spiritual head of the long-dominant Maronite

Christians.
Less vocal so far but possibly more serious is the power present and potential - of Lebanon's Shi ite Muslims.

They are already the largest sect, numbering more than one million of the country's three million people. They form the explosive core of the population bomb that blew the old order to

Although figures are constantly disputed, it was clear to outsiders tong before 1975 that the Christians were a minority in the land they controlled.

The biggest factor is demographic change was the rapid

'It's amazing what I have achieved in the name of religion.'

growth of the Shi'ites - the poorest group in the population, living mainly in the most backward region, the south, and receiving only a token share of state power and patronage.

In the view of most analysts, the Shi'ites are destined to eventually form a majority of Lebanon's people.

With Iranian backing they now see the Arab plan as another carve-up between Christians and Sunni Muslims, unfairly weighed against Muslims in general and

The powerful but less numerous Druze also feel that they are under-represented in the new power structure. Their warlord, Walid Junblatt, accepted the accord under Syrian pressure.

The Taif accord would transfer power from the presidency, still reserved for a Maronite Christian, to a cabinet headed by the Sunni prime minister.

Additional members of parliament would be nominated to replace a built-in Christian majority with an equal balance of Muslims and Christians.

The speaker of parliament, the top political post allocated to the Shi'ites, would be elected for a four-year term instead of for one year — the modest increase in his stature but hardly, the Shi'ites say, in keeping with the group's

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who was in Damascus this weekend for talks with Syrian and Lebanese Shi'ite leaders, told Reuters that Muslims emerged as losers" in the Taif talks.

Shi'ite distaste for the Taif

compromise may be muted because the strongest Shi'ite militia group, Amal, is closely tied to Syria, which supports the peace

Iran, which has strong influ-ence over the more radical Hizbollah (Party of God), will be reluctant to cross swords with

Damascus, its only Arab ally. But Emile Khoury, a columnist for Beirut's independent An Nahar newspaper, told Reuters that the pact seemed to offer only "a temporary solution."



Thatcher defends policies in usual unflinching style

By Kate Dourian

LONDON - British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, facing the worst crisis of her decade in power following Thursday's resignation of her chancellor of the exchequer, on Sunday vowed to carry on as if it had never happened. "Strong leadership will con-

tinue," she told a television interviewer with the assurance of a prime minister with three successive general election victories be-

Impeccably dressed and showing no sign of fatigue, the 64year-old Thatcher was making her first television appearance since the government was plunged into crisis by Nigel Lawson's departure, which precipitated a steep fall of the pound sterling and calls for her resigna-

Thatcher gave nothing away. She shrugged off pressure from senior Conservative Party colleagues, her lowest-ever rating in opinion polls and bitter attacks from the opposition and threw accusations that she was authoritarian back at her interviewer. "I am staying my own sweet, reasonable self," she told inter-

viewer Brian Walden. Thatcher refused to take blame for Lawson's departure after six years as chancellor or to say why she did not try to keep him by sacking an adviser who disagreed with him.

Instead, she listed a catalogue of economic successes which she said had given more power to the people, created more wealth and earned Britain respect abroad.

Lawson's position, she repeated at least seven times, had been "unassailable" and she was sad at his departure. Pressed to accept partial blame for the row between Lawson and her parttime adviser, Sir Alan Walters. Thatcher was unbending.

"Nigel was determined to go. I made it quite clear that advisers are there to advise and ministers are there to decide."

At the heart of the argument that led to the resignations was Britain's entry into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System, an issue Walden pursued at length.

Thatcher repeated the position taken at the June European Community summit in Madrid when Britain agreed to join the EMS when countries like France and Italy abolished foreign exchange

"We shall join the EMS on the conditions we laid down in Madrid." Thatcher said, refusing Walden's prodding to appear more enthusiastic about the EMS and appease the financial markets.

"Very simply, you can't have a currency like sterling playing in that system under higgledypiggledy set of rules."

Lawson's departure sparked a political debate about whether Thatcher can survive to lead her party into the next election, poss-ibly in 1992, or if she has become a liability.

An opinion poll published in the Mail on Sunday newspaper showed 54 per cent of the electo rate think she could step down. While most Conservative politicians rallied around her, Thatcher came under pressure from two senior figures in her

Her deputy, Sir Geoffrey Howe, rubbed salt into the EMS wound. His warning to her not to renege on the Madrid accord was seen as a direct challenge to her authority. He was backed by Michael Heseltine, a former defence secretary and a contender to the Conservative Party lead-

Douglas Hurd, the new foreign secretary, also sought quickly to establish his position, telling a radio interviewer that he would remain loval to Thatcher but would not be subservient.

There is agreement among politicians and analysts that Thatcher's room for manoeuvre

has been narrowed
"We now have a foreign secretary, a home secretary and a chancellor she can't sack. We have cabinet government back," was how one Conservative politician

Neil Kinnock, leader of the main opposition Labour Party, whom the latest polls give a better than 50 per cent chance of winning an election, accused Thatcher of "confusion, division and malice."

But at least two Sunday newspapers saw Thatcher riding out the storm, saying she would be better able to achieve consensus in the cabinet because she would be more in accord with her new chancellor John Major.

Bush — no easy way out in Central America

By George Gedda The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. President George Bush is finding out, much as his two predecessors did. that the problems of Central America are far more resistant to solution than he had expected.

On no foreign policy issue has Bush deviated as much from former President Ronald Reagan's approach as he has on Central America.

While Reagan saw the emergence of the Sandinista government in Nicaragua as a major security threat, Bush barely mentioned the issue during the 1988 campaign.

And as secretary of state, he chose a man, James Baker, who was perhaps more sceptical than any other in the top leadership of the Reagan administration about the wisdom of arming the Nicaraguan contra rebels.

By his actions, Bush has indicated he felt Reagan mishandled Central America policy, just as Reagan believed former President Jimmy Carter's policies toward that region invited disaster. Carter thought seeds of conflict there were sown by long years of U.S. inattention to human rights

The Central American issue seemed well on its way to a solution with the end of U.S. military aid to the contras 20 months ago and the promise, at least, of a free and fair election in Nicaragua in February 1990.

But much of momentum toward an eventual settlement in Nicar-

weekend when Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega announced, with some qualifications, that he was calling off a cease fire his government had reached with the rebels in March 1988. His timing seemed odd, coming

as 17 heads of government includ-

ing Ortega and Bush, were assembling in San Jose, Costa Rica, for a hemispheric summit meeting to celebrate democracy. Ortega's main grievance is that the contras, despite a series of

highly touted diplomatic breakthroughs dating back to August 1987, seem not much closer to being dismantled now than they were then. And, as he stated forcefully in

San Jose, the "ceasefire" has never been observed by the contras. Ortega asserts that 736 Sandinista soldiers, a rate of more than one a day, have been killed during the supposed ceasefire, a number viewed with extreme scepticism by both U.S. and con-

The Bush administration, on the other hand, believes it has gone more than half way in addressing the concerns of U.S. Democrats and others who

opposed the Reagan approach. While Reagan had made the ouster of the Sandinista government a high priority, the Bush administration has tacitly conceded that it was willing to have a "live and let live" policy towards the Sandinistas.

Baker also distanced himself from the contra civilian leadership, refusing even to answer their correspondence, according agua seemed to dissipate over the to contra officials.

Still, the Bush administration has made some concessions to the rebels. The 1985 trade embargo against Nicaragua remains in place and the administration favours continued U.S. humanitarian assistance to the rebels

until after the Feb. 25 elections. Baker's reasoning was that if the contras, stationed in camps along the Hnduran-Nicaraguan border, are demobilised before then, Ortega would have no in-

centive to hold a fair election. Ortega, meanwhile, is giving the highest priority to ensuring. through diplomatic pressure, that the contras are indeed demobilised by Dec. 5, the target date set earlier this year by Central American presidents.

The Bush administration has noted that the demobilisation of the rebels, according to the agreement, can only take place 'voluntarily," and that the deadline therefore is essentially meaningless.

The next big test for the administration comes at the end of November when the \$49-million aid package to the contras comes under congressional review.

The aid programme will continue through February but only if all the congressional committees that deal with contra aid give their consent.

The hand of contra aid opponents probably was weakened by Ortega's surprise announcement over the weekend, particularly since it followed reports of continued large-scale Sandinista military support for leftist rebels in El Salvador.

Strange bedfellows in Indian elections

By Moses Manobaran

NEW DELHI - Politics is pro-

ducing strange bedfellows in India, with rightwingers and Marxists agreeing to co-exist in an opposition alliance to topple Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in November's general elections.

Our aim is to defeat Rajiv Gandhi and our methods are justified," said Satpal Malik, spokesman for the Janata Dal party that spearheaded the move to form the loose alliance. Malik said its purpose was li-

mited to fielding common candidates against Gandhi's Congress nominees for elections to the lower house of parliament on November 22 and 24. The alliance comprises the

Janata Dal and its four fellow members of the National Front Coalition, along with the Com-munist Party of India, Marxist (CPIM) and the Bharatiya Janata

Party (BJP).
The CPIM rules eastern India's West Bengal State and has pockets of influence in other regions, while the BJP appears to have strengthened its traditional support among rightwing Hindus in a surge of revivalism sweeping the country. The CPIM urges tight econo-

mic controls while the BJP supports a Western-style system based on market forces. It is widely accused of wanting to scrap India's secular tradition in government and establish a Hindu state. Senior Janata Dal sources said the party was also seeking a deal

with the Muslim United Front (MUF) on seat sharing in the nothern state of Jammu and Kashmir. The opposition bid to seek an understanding with both the BJP and MUF came amid Hindu-

Muslim clashes which have killed at least 54 people in the northern state of Bihar. "I suppose our seat-sharing with both the BJP and the MUF

proves our secular credentials," said one Janata Dal official. There are 100 million Muslims in India's population of 800 million and they could be a decisive factor in the polls. Unlike the

Muslims, the 650 million Hindus

do not usually vote in a block. Malik admitted that there would be ideological problems in forming a government if the opposition defeated Gandhi. But he insisted there would be

no repetition of 1977, when a

similar opposition alliance defeated Congress, but fell apart in less than three years. One problem the opposition faced in 1977 could surface again

in 1989 - the clash of ambitious personalities. Corruption fighter Vishwanath Pratap Singh, peasant leader Devi Lal and film star-turnedpolitician N.T.Rama Rao, ali

appear to be staking their claim for prime ministership. Singh promoted an open economy as Gandhi's finance minister before he defected to the opposition after accusing the government of involvement in a mas-

sive corruption scandal. Lal favours greater state controls while Rao's preoccupation before the unexpected election announcement was his role as a Hindu god in a movie he is producing.

Secretary Maneka Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi's sister-in-law.

Maneka Gandhi played a prominent role in the government of Indira Gandhi which jailed several opposition leaders during a 1975-77 emergency.
BJP chief Lal Kishen Advani

has also been jailed. Commenting on the opposition wheeling and dealing, National Front spokesman Dinesh Goswa-mi said: "We admit our past failures...politics is not static after all and ideologies change. I myself was in the Congress.

Another controversial opposition leader is Gandhi's cous Arun Nehru, who played a key role in dismissing Rao's govern-ment in Andhra Pradesh in 1984, which cemented Rao's hold on an electorate that quickly voted him back to power.

'Strange bedfellows, we may be, but our dealing with the BJP and the Communists is only in defining areas of influence at meetings between our leaders at the state level." Malik said.

"But it is not a marriage of They have an uneasy relationship with Janata Dal General engagement yet," he added.

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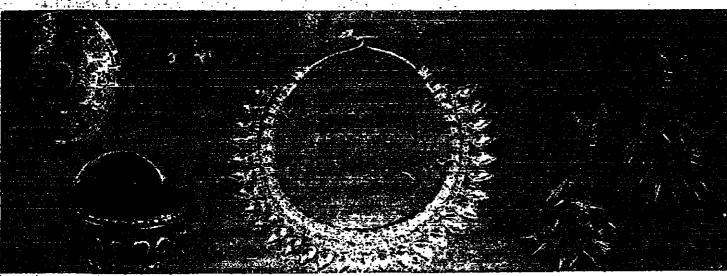
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A pair of bracelets decorated in a familiar Assyrian motif: abutting Gold rosettes that were scattered over the body of a princess just before her tomb was closed

An Assyrian fortress city yields archaeological prizes of rare delight

The tomb of an Assyrian princess and eternal insomnia

By Philip Elmer De Witt

THE ANCIENT city now called Nimrud, located in what is present-day Iraq, was once the military capital of one of history's fiercest empires. When word first leaked out earlier this year that Iraqi archaeologists had discovered a major find at the site, scientists around the world were immediately intrigued. The reports told of remarkable archaeological treasures, including royal tombs heaped with gold jewelry of exquisite quality. But reliable information about the site was virtually impossible to obtain. The Iraqis refused to grant visas to the press or let any outsiders photograph the jewelry.

The find, which was made by Muzahim Mahmoud Hussein, head of the Iraqi team at Nimrud, has turned out to be, by all accounts, one of the most important in modern times. John Curtis, an archaeologist from the British Museum, describes the treasure of Nimrud as the most significant archaeological discovery since King Tutankhamen's tomb was uncovered in Egypt in

Because the treasure includes rebellious chieftains impaled on

booty captured during Assyrian raids, the discoveries may shed light on other cultures as well. But beyond its scientific importance, the jewelry is stunning in its own right. Some of it displays craftsmanship that puts even Van Cleer's to shame. There is an intricate crown woven from fine gold strands; a flask carved flawlessly from a solid block of crystal; a pair of heavy cuffs set with stones that look like large, startled eyes; a playful necklace festooned with teardrop pendants. "It sets a magnificent standard," says Georgina Herrmann, an archaeologist at the British Institute of Archaeology. "The workmanship would be difficult to duplicate today."

The Assyrians, who first rose to power about 17 centuries after the unification of Egypt, swept out of the fertile valley of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers to conquer much of the Middle East, from roughly 900 B.C. to 612 B.C. They were known for their ferocious cruelty. There was the testimony of Ashumasirpal II, an Assyrian king of the 9th century B.C. who boasted in cuneiform inscriptions of having stakes, dismembered and skinned be so fine." alive. Ashurnasirpal made Nimrud, known in the Bible as Calah. his capital. The fortress city on the banks of the Tigris was dominated by an elaborate palace and a towering ziggurat and was populated in part by peoples subjugated during military cam-

Nimrud's glory ended abruptly in 612 B.C., when the Assyrians, badly overextended, were taken by surprise by the combined armies of the Medes, the Babylonians and the Scythians. Nimrud was overrun. The palace caught fire, and its ceilings collapsed. Over time, the Tigris changed course, and the glorious ziggurat was reduced to a formless

The jewelry uncovered this year gives a new perspective to the Assyrian empire's brutish reputation. "What is surprising is the amazing variety," says Herrmann. "It is not just the gold, but the different colours and the use of polychromatic stones." Agrees Curtis of the British Museum: "It revolutionises the idea we have of the Assyrian court. No one knew they possessed this kind of wealth or that the craftsmanship could

interesting because it was made in sands that had been sifted and resifted by some of the world's most accomplished treasure hunters. Nimrud created a scientific sensation in the 1840s, when the British archaeologist A.H. Layard uncovered the lamassu. colossal, winged bull-men that guarded the palace entrances. One hundred years later, the site was extensively re-excavated by Max Mallowan, whose mysterywriting wife Agatha Christie kept an office at the Nimrud Digs House and composed portions of an Hercule Poirot novel, Murder in Mesopotamia, at the site.

The Nimrud find is especially

But the mysteries of Nimrud were far from solved. Last year, exploring an inner room of the palace, a team of labourers stumbled across a tomb that contained a small collection of necklaces, earrings and gilded pins. In February, Muzahim was granted permission to extend the explorations. Last April, digging near the spot where Christie plotted her thriller, he found what looked like a piece of pavement. When he and his workers cleared off the dirt, they uncovered a small cera-

mic pipe resembling an air vent. The "pavement" turned out to be the arched roof of a small rectangular tomb. Inside: a dusty sarcophagus. "I pried the top off with an iron bar," says Muzahim. "There was more dust inside, but when I held up the light, it was reflected back into my eyes by the

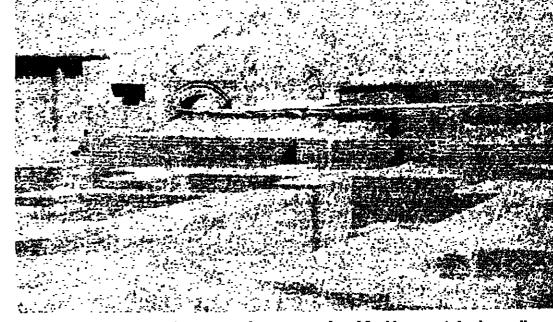
Much of that gold turned out to be priceless jewelry draped around the skeleton of a young princess named Yabahya, tentatively identified as the daughter of one of Assyria's most renowned and feared kings, Sargon II. Nearby, still more jewelry and gold ornaments were piled. Mingled with the dried bones were dozens of delicately sculpted gold rosettes, scattered like flowers over the body of the dead prin-

In July, digging a few yards from the original find, Muzahim discovered the roof of another tomb and sarcophagus, which contained only dust. But near the sarcophagus were three bronze containers filled with 22 kg (48.5 lbs.) of gold - more than 440 pieces in all. From cuneiform clues, archaeologists believe collection of an Assyrian queen. perhaps the wife of Ashurnasirpal

Now that the full magnificence the Nimrud find is known.

search, hoping to find the tombs of Nimrud's all powerful kings. The hunt is not without its dangers, however. Only after opening Princess Yabahya's grave did

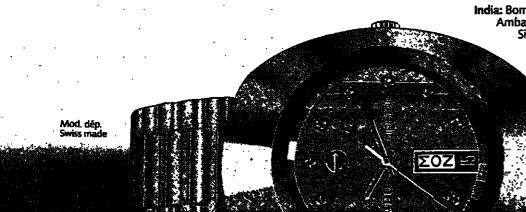
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Ruins of a once towering ziggurat guard an entry arch and freshly excavated palace walls

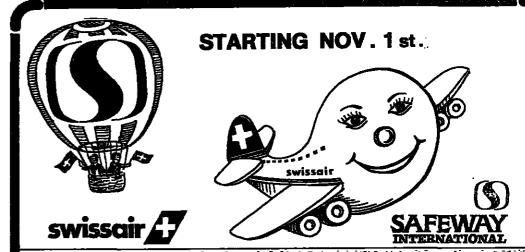
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JORDAN MARKET PLACE

CBJ governor: King spearheaded Jordan's recovery successes

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein personally led the campaign of regaining confidence in the Jordanian currency and the national economy and paved the way for the Kingdom's acquisition of financial aid that boosted Jordan's foreign currency reserves and ensured the country's honouring of financial commitments, the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) Governor Mohammad Said Nabulsi said here in a lecture Monday evening.

The terms of the agreement reached with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) were not imposed on Jordan because the government would have committed itself to them anyway even if there were no such agreement. Nabulsi said in his lecture delivered at the Amman Marriott

The agreement with the IMF was intended as a means for emphasising Jordan's long-term commitment to deal with the financial deficits and the external and internal debts... issues on which there could have been no disagreements on it with the IMF. Nabulsi added.

The CBJ efforts, coupled with those taken by the government, have succeeded in raising the volume of the Kingdom's foreign exchange reserves to a great extent. The replenishment prompted the CBJ to take certain measures to end the rampant speculation against the Jordanian dinar in the local money market which earlier suffered from capital flight and the emergence of a black market, Nabulsi noted.

He said that the process of replenishing the country's coffers with foreign currency reserves served as the basic action taken to halt a further deterioration and. later, the restoration of confidence in the Jordanian currency.

To help achieve this goal. Nabulsi noted that the CBJ was forced for the first time to borrow from the local market, because the foreign currency reserves fell down below the red line.

He pointed out that the bank deemed it more appropriate to ask all banks and financial institutions operating in Jordan to place 35 per cent of their clients' foreign currency deposits with the CBJ in an effort to rebuild the

Nabulsi noted that this measure has helped raise the CBJ reserve to more than \$300 million and exposed Petra Bank, which was not able to meet the CBJ

Speaking about the fluctuation of the ID exchange rate during the last ten months, Nabulsi said that the deterioration of the exchange rate of the dinar was attributable to the expansion in public spending, external borrowing and the deficit in the balance of payments.

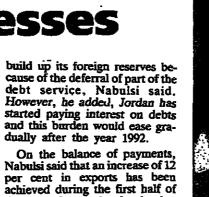
The governor revealed that the CBJ is in the process of buffeting the Kingdom's foreign currency reserves through deposits to be made by Arab central banks within the framework of inter-

Arab monetary cooperation. Regarding remittances of Jordanians working abroad. Nabulsi noted that the amounts hovered around \$1.5 billion a year. However, they fell in 1988 by almost \$800 million as a result of the developments in the region and the instability of the exchange rate of the dinar.

This decline, in addition to the suspension of Arab aid, has incurred Jordan a loss of \$1.5 billion from both sources, which account 40 per cent of its foreign currency sources. Now that confidence in the

local currency and in the economic stability has been regained, the remittances have increased to reach almost \$1 billion but they are still short of fulfilling our aspirations, Nabulsi said.

As a result of the agreement signed with Paris Club and London Club, to reschedule Jordan's \$8 billion foreign debt, the Kingdom . would be able to



this year due to the devaluation

of the dinar while imports in

foreign currencies fell by 25 per

cent although in terms of local

currency the value has increased.

will be able to achieve further

gains as a result of the devalua-

tion of the dinar while underlin-

ing the importance of maintaining

control over the local cash liquid-

ity saying: "What worries us in

this context is inflation, which is a

natural outcome of the increasing

Speaking on the rise in the

commodity prices, Nabulsi said

that the rise resulted from

attempts by some importers to

manipulate the prices have rock-

eted as a result of the rise in

customs duties and high interest

Nabulsi ruled out any return to

the old exchange rates noting that

the CBJ has reached the point

where it could merge the present

two exchange rates in a range of 650 - 690 fils per dollar.

The governor cited the reduc-

tion of the budget deficit as the

prime objective of the national

economic reform programme

adopted by the government to

remedy the economic situation.

This objective cannot be met

except through increasing the

government income and cutting

On the banking system in Jor-dan, Nabulsi said that there is a

need for reorganising the banking

system in Jordan, through the

merger or cancellation of some

existing institutions after a thor-

Nabulsi said that a new legisla-

tion will be enacted to float in-

terest rates in a carefully-planned

and well-monitored manner to

avoid any over-exaggeration.

However, he noted, the bank will

BELGRADE (R) - Ethnic con-

ough study.

He voiced hope that Jordan

Mohammad Said Ai Nabulsi

reserve the right to fix the interest rates whenever it deems it neces-

On the possibility of allowing money exchangers to reopen and resume their operations, Nabulsi said that the CBJ has prepared a new and comprehensive regulation organising the work of money exchangers. However, such a regulation will be presented to the parliament for endorsement.

Nabulsi also said that the Kingdom's reserve of foreign currency would reach \$400 million by the end of this year and that the government's internal debt now stands at about JD 1 billion, a great part of which being in the form of treasury bonds.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

S. Arabia, Pakistan to boost trade

NICOSIA (R) - Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have agreed on a draft agreement to boost trade, the Saudi Press Agency reported. Sheikh Mohammad Ali Abal Khail, Saudi Arabia's minister of finance, said each country had a lot to offer each other in terms of commodities and services. Exports of oil and petrochemicals to Pakistan rose in the past three years but visible trade the other way declined, according to Saudi figures. Abal Khail said exports to Pakistan were worth 1.29 billion rivals (\$344 million) in 1988 up from 1.14 billion riyals (\$303 million) in 1987 and about one billion riyals (\$267 million) in 1986. Imports from Pakistan declined to 465 million riyals (\$124 million) in 1988 from 489 million rivals (\$130 million) in 1987 and 505 million rivals (\$135 million) in 1986, he said. Pakistan also receives substantial amounts of Saudi Arabian aid and income from migrant workers.

Peru to stockpile silver

LIMA (R) — In a move that could dent world silver supplies, Peru has said it would stockpile silver to help local mining companies through economic doldrums. The government's Central Reserve Bank will buy silver from local mining firms for three months with a five per cent premium, a government statement said. Peru is one of the world's top five silver producers.

1,500% inflation mars Yugoslavian reform

Reuters.

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Mutt'n' Jeff

U.S. reschedules Jordan's debts

the United States Tuesday signed an agreement on rescheduling Jordan's 1989 and 1990 debt instalments to the United States.

The agreement, signed by Fiand American ambassador to Jor- 1990, with a five-year grace organisations on the other. nance Minister Basel Jardaneh

chedules all accrued interest before 30-6-1989 and 50 per cent of interest due from July, 1989 upto Dec. 31 1989. All rescheduled interest instalments under the terms of the agreement, to be settled over 10 years starting

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A statement here said that the deal will serve as a basis for further executive agreements, involving Jordan on the one hand and various American creditor

Madrid plans fairer spread

MADRID (R) - Spain's ruling it could be distributed. Socialists have promised sustained economic growth with a more equal distribution of wealth after winning a third consecutive term with a wafer-thin majority.

Consolidating growth and a better distribution of wealth will be the two fundamental components of the new economic policy," Deputy Prime Minister Alfonso Guerra said on television Monday night.

Guerra's promise appeared to indicate the government was heeding what political commenta-tors said was Sunday's election warning to woo the political left.

One of the sharpest criticisms of the Socialists during seven years in power has been that wealth has not been fairly distri-Poll results showed a clear

swing to the left, with the communist-led United Left (IU) making substantial inroads into the Socialist Workers Pary (PSOE)

The PSOE won 176 seats in the 350-seat parliament, eight less than in the last election three vears ago.

"Spaniards clearly decided they wanted to continue being ruled by the Socialists but no less clearly did they demand a change in manners," El Pais said Monday, adding that people wanted the government to start taking people's view into account.

Guerra rejected suggestions that the PSOE only just managed to hold onto an absolute majority because its social policies were not left-wing enough.
"People voted... for the PSOE

because they considered its poli-cies appropriate," he said in the interview. "So much so that this is the only party leader returned with a third absolute majority in the proportional system," he

Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez has resisted pressure by trade unions calling for a greater share of Spain's economic boom, saying money had to be spent on modernising infrastructure before

government had "no power to

regulate economic trends on its

The power was concentrated in

the country's eight republics and provinces which as a rule put

their interests before those of the

Markovic's revised 122,000-bil-

lion-dinar (\$3.2 billion) federal

budget has been blocked in par-

liament because several republics

refused to increase their contribu-

Serbia, which is at odds with

Slovenia and Croatia over power-

sharing in the federation, accuses

Markovic of favouring the richer.

northwestern regions at the ex-

The Serbian press has criticised

pense of the poor south.

entire territory."

state," he said.

Trade unions, which paralysed the country with a one-day strike last Dec. 14, have argued that Gonzalez's Spain has profited only the wealthy while leaving the

poor less well off. Gonzalez, acclaimed for leading Spain into an unprecedented economic boom and giving it a vowed to usher the country into will form a government.

the Europe of the 1990s and place it on an equal footing with West Germany or France.

He said that Spain, the fastest growing country in Europe, could double its production capacity if growth could be sustained at the record level of five per cent.

The newly elected Cortes (lower house) will first convene on greater international profile, has Nov. 21, after which Gonzalez

Japanese company buys Rockefeller stake

property company said Tuesday it will take control of Rockefeller Centre, New York's famed business and entertainment complex, a move analysts predicted could fan fears Japan is buying up America.

Mitsubishi Estate said it would pay \$846 million to one of America's top business dynasties for a 51 per cent stake in the Rockefeller Group.

Japanese government officials, aware that the acquisition could spark resentment of Japan in the United States, moved quickly to defend and explain it. "I see no problem as long as

the deal is made on the basis of an agreement by both parties." Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto told a news conference. "This kind of transaction is

normal economic activity," foreign ministry spokesman Taizo Watanabe told foreign journalists. "I do not think it will be a disturbing factor in the long-term U.S.-Japan relationship." "We are not unduly worried.

he noted. Stock analysts said perhaps they should be.

'It will make great headlines. The Japanese buying the Rainbow Room." said Tom Hill, property analyst at broker S.G. Warbrug. "I would have thought they're risking some adverse

The Rainbow Room nightclub, a celebrity hangout in the past. stands at the top of one of the buildings that take up Rockefelier Centre.

The centre houses the headquarters of the Associated Press news agency and the NBC televiA skating rink amid the half-

century-old buildings has been a lure for tourists since the centre opened during the Great De-

A string of Japanese acquisi-tions in the United States, including Sony's planned takeover of Columbia Pictures, has sparked calls among some U.S. lawmakers for curbs on foreign investment in America.

This is high-profile and on top of the Sony and Columbia deal and there are bound to be political problems," said James Doherty, an analyst at broker Jardine Fleming Securities.

The Rockefeller Group is a private company controlled by members of the Rockefeller family, descendants of one of America's first oil tycoons, John D. Rockefeller.

It owns and manages the 14 buildings that make up Rockefeller Centre, including Radio City Music Hall, home of the highkicking female dance troupe, The

Mitsubishi Estate will take over the group by buying 627,000 shares from various members of the Rockefeller family trust.

"Our agreement with Mitsubishi Estate preserves the abiding commitment to Rockefeller Centre and New York City which my father made more than 50 years ago." David Rockefeller chairman of the Rockefeller Group, said in a statement.

Raymond F. Pettit, senior vice-Group, said Mitsubishi's investment is different from that of Sony. This investment is a partnership, he told a news conference.

Work begins on Jinnah Airport

KARACHI (Agencies) — According to the Dawn Karachi work on the construction of new Karachi Airport — Jinnah International Airport, has commenced by a French company which has been awarded the contract for providing the most advanced airport terminal in the region.

The work has begun by clearing the land where the terminal will be

located and a major part of equipment has arrived.

The work is being executed by the Civil Aviation Authority and Col. Naqvi has been named the director of project. The work is in fall swing and is expected to be completed at a cost of Rs 3 billion after four years.

Pakistan's premier civil works agency, ADA functioning under the Ministry of Defence has not been given sub-contract in the project of such a big magnitude, by the CAA or the main contractors, despite the fact that it is the ministry's firm policy that the Airports Development Agency should be entrusted with the works related to civil airports including that of PIA.

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Tuesday October 31, 1989

Central Bank official rates French franc

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

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LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY- Australia's share market continued a gold-inspired rally, boosted further by demand for blue chip industrials and banking stocks. The Ali Ordinaries index closed 11.2 higher at

TOKYO - Incentive-backed stocks led the key index to rebound to close broadly higher in brisk trade. Buyers leapt from real estate companies to non-life insurers and the Nikkei index rose 132.000 points to 35,549.44.

HONG KONG — Share prices closed sharply higher and brokers expected the Hang Seng index to rise further. It ended 44.99 points up at 2,725.29.

SINGAPORE — The stock market staged a strong rebound by the close as prices rallied sharply on broad support. The Straits Times industrial index climbed 29.63 points to finish at 1,332.41.

BOMBAY — Share prices fell in nervous trading after newspapers reported fresh evidence about a pay-off scandal involving Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's government.

FRANKFURT — Share prices ended higher with the market reversing in initially bearish trend. The DAX index closed 6.47 points or 0.4 per cent higher at 1,472.76.

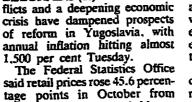
ZURICH — Swiss shares closed quietly steady with a firmer touch. The all-share Swiss performance index 0.5 point firmer at PARIS — French share prices ended slightly firmer. The CAC-40

index ended 14.52 points up at 1,819.51. LONDON - Share prices were firm in late afternoon trading. By 1612 GMT the FTSE index was 22.3 up at 2134.5.

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks were sharply higher. The Dow was

anead 31 points at 2634.

THE BETTER HALF.



September, the second biggest jump on record, pushing annual inflation to 1,470.6 per cent.

The figures, running sharply against government predictions. were issued as thousands of ethnic Albanians rioted in southern Kosovo province for the third time this year.

Economists were wary of predicting the outcome of the economic and political crisis.

to revolution or a civil war,

HARRIS

"No money shortage this month! My

lodge brothers gave \$20 each to

see a videotape of your last temper tantrum!"

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Print answer here: **

"Such inflation could lead only Oskar Kovac, professor of econo-

By Harris

forms were now endangered by bitter regional quarrels and inflation which has quadrupled since Markovic took office. mechanisms which would ensure

its efficient functioning," Zoran Popov of the Belgrade Institute

for Economics told Reuters. He said Yugoslavia was the

"We have made a sharp turn towards a Western-style market economy but we do not have the

mics at Belgrade University, told

Prime Minister Ante Karkovic.

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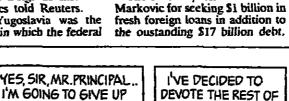
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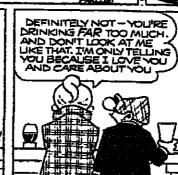
















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Manager calls UAE qualification a miracle

MILEN, Italy (AP) — Mario Della Sera that he had not ex-Zagalo, the Brazilian manager of pected to qualify "because my the United Arab Emirates soccer team, said in published reports here Monday that his team's qualification for the final round of the 1990 Wold Cup "was a real

the two berths at stake in the Asian group following a surprising tie against South Korea. Zagalo said in an interview with Milan's sports daily Cornere

The Arab team gained one of

pected to qualify "because my than my squad; South Korea, China and Saudi Arabia."

semifinals last season and take the encouragement of a 2-0 lead into the second leg of their second round clash in Real's Bernabeu Stadium, where they earned a 1-1 draw last April.

GOREN BRIDGE

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: **#A6** ♥A985 ♦K952 **#AK**7 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 NT Pass 2 2 Pass

What action do you take? A.—Partner has shown a weak hand with spade length. Even though you have an absolute maximum no trump opening bid, the fact you have only two spades bars you from further action. Pass.

Q-2-Both vulnerable, as South you **♦AJ6** ♥AE72 ♥KQ9 ♠AQ2 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 2 NT Pass 3.4 Pass

What do you bid now? A .- Because of your balanced hand and minor-suit tenace, three no trump has a certain attraction, but partner has announced an unbalanced hand, and your spade support is too good to conceal. Wisdom dicrates a raise to four spades. Three no trump could result in a missed slam when partner devalues his hand due to the lack of a fit.

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South you ±093 ♥0J762 ♦6 ±J765 The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
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What action do you take?

A.—Your hand is virtually trickless on defease, but your singleton and five-card support for partner's suit should provide a considerable number of tricks on offense. Jump to three hearts. Over a takeout double. that jump raise is preemptive.

THE Daily Crossword by S.E. Wilkinson

players are not used to wet fields and because there were three teams (in the group) stronger

Zagaio, who coached the Brazitian team which won the 1970 world title in Mexico, said his task with players of the Arab Emerates "was difficult because they have not a professional atti-

Q.4-Both vulnerable, as South you

★AR105 ♥9873 ♦85 ★K62

What action do you take?

A.—If you have a conventional

method to show a limit raise after a

takeout double, this band is perfect

for it. If those means are not part of

your arsenal, the correct way to

show a hand of 10 points or better is

O.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

±Q761 ♥AKQ983 ♦7 +Q102

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♥ Pass 1 NT Pass

What action do you take?

A.—Don't let the quality of your

heart suit spur you to some rash

action-you have a minimum open-

ing bid, and no more. Bid two

hearts. In this sequence that guaran-

Q.6-Both vulnerable, as South you

46 □ 3954 ○ 7632 ★ AK83

A.—The only action that we con-demn wholebeartedly is a pass—

that shows a lack of appreciation of

the playing power of your hand. Indeed, we consider a raise to three

hearts a slight underbid. However,

four hearts would be more of an

overbid, so we'll make the conserva-

tive choice and bid three hearts.

Pass 1 NT Pass

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West

What action do you take?

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The bidding has proceeded:
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Marco Van Basten, who made one goal and scored the other in the first leg, will spearhead the Milan attack but the onus is likely to be on the defence to cope witha lively Real side roared on by 90,000 fervent tans.

Milan seeks

Real's downfall

LONDON (R) - Holders AC

Milan aim to cast aside the gloom

of wretched Italian League form and banish Real Madrid from the

European Cup stage Wednesday.

Milan eclipsed Real in the

Milan also want to deliver a stinging riposte to Real's British manager John Toshack, quoted in the Italian press as saying generous referees were largely responsible for the first-leg victory over his side and three of their wins in last season's tourna-

Real, invincible in the first five season of the European Cup, hit deadly scoring form last Saturday when they slammed five goals past Sevilla's Soviet World Cup goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev.

Predatory striker Emilio Butragueno served a warning to Milan as he returned after three weeks out with an ankle injury to score in the 5-2 rout.



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Britain moving to force fans carry identity cards

LONDON (AP) — Despite prove ineffective. strong opposition from profession-al socer players, the House of Commons voted Tuesday to force British fans to carry identity cards in an effort to curb hooliganism and violence.

The measure, approved by a vote of 273-204, will become law after approval in the House of Lords — a formality at this stage — and the signature of Queen Elizabeth II.

On Monday, the government received a petition against the plan from virtually all 2,000 soccer professionals in England and

The measure also generated heated debate in parliament. Christopher Patten, secretary of the environment, opened the debate by saying that "hooliganism has been an ugly scar on the face of football for a number of years" and arguing that the prob-

tude of fans. Or. John Cunnigham of the opposition Labour Party predicted that the measure — which would require all fans attending matches to carry identity cards. starting next season - would

LOTHER Matthaeus, West Ger-

many's soccer captain and driving

force, looked set Tuesday for a

calf muscle operation which

would sideline him for the vital

World Cup qualifier against

After X-raying Matthaeus's

right calf Monday, Bayern

Munich club doctors said the

midfield star should have an im-

mediate operation to repair dam-

aged tissue and might be out for

Beckenbauer telephoned Matth-

aeus, who plays for Italian cham-

pions Internazionale, in Milan on

Sunday evening to advise him to

fly to Munich immediately to

receive treatment from doctors at

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"The problem is longer inside the grounds. The identity scheme isn't going to stop people causing problems in town or city centres and on boats," he said.

"It's a smoke screen for the failure to properly address the growing levels of violence in all aspects of life in Britain," he

Garth Crooks, chairman of the Professional Footballers Association, delivered the 2,000-signature petition Monday to Denis Howell, sports spokesman for the Labour Party.

"The government has been opposed by almost every fan and football club in the country and now by every professional footballer in the country," Howell

Shortly afterwards, officials announced that teams would be allowed to suspend the soccer membership scheme in an emergency.
Junior Home Office Minister

Peter Lloyd told the commons that if a dangeorus crush developed outside a stadium, it would be impractical to distinguish between card-holding members and other fans.

An Inter spokesman said Tues-

day that club doctors had also

gone to Munich to discuss

whether the operation was neces-

Inter's match with Lazio Sunday

after a first-half collision with

opposition captain Gabriele Pin.

Inter still won 3-0 to put them-

selves back within striking dis-

tance of league leaders Napoli.

Inter manager Giovanni Trapat-

toni's hopes of winning two

league titles in a row, Matthaeus

knows the extent to which West

Germany's World Cup hopes rest

surgery, Matthaeus will miss not

only the league derby against AC

Milan on November 19, but West

Germany's World Cup tie against

Wales in Cologne four days ear-lier, a match the Germans must

win to qualify for Italy next year.

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his former club.

Chess championship:

Soviets crush Yugoslavia

LUCERNE, Switzerland (AP) — The Soviet Union scored a decisive 3.5-0.5 victory over Yugoslavia in the third round of the chess world team championship Monday and seized a strong three point lead in the competition.

The Soviets have 10 points out of a possible 12, with England

and Hungary tied for second place at 7 points.

"After today, the Soviets are not going to be caught," said grandmaster Dmitri Gurevich, a member of the American team. Following a lackluster start, England, the second seed, re-

Switzerland 3-1. Hungary drew 2-2 with Cuba. The United States achieved a convincing 3-1 victory over the Netherlands and catapulted from

turned to form Monday to defeat

last position into a tie for fifth place with China. The Chinese defeated Africa

PARIS OPEN:

The Championship is held every four years and features nine of the leading chess playing nations, plus a team representing Africa. A win scores a point and a draw a half-point.

In his first appearance here for the Soviet Union, former world champion Anatoly Karpov made a quiet draw with white in 28 moves against Liubomir Liuboievic.

But the rest of the Soviet team was in no mood for draws.

Vassily Ivanchuk, a 20-year-old who is ranked third in the world jointly with Nigel Short of England, brought home a checkmating attack against Yugoslav grandmaster Dragoljub Velimir-

Five minutes later, Soviet grandmaster Mikhail Gurevich did the same to his opponent, Bozidar Ivanovic.

The third Soviet victory came in the sixth and final hour of play, when Rafael Vaganian ground out a 59-move victory in an endgame against Predrag Nikolic.

The brilliant Soviet start is particularly impressive, experts said, because their six-man squad is missing world champion Garri Kasparov and two other leading grandmasters. Artur Yusupov and vallery Salov.

England was led to victory by short, who knocked out Viktor Korchnoi, a Soviet defector who now lives in Switzerland, in 28

Playing with the disadvantage of the black pieces, short sank deep into thought for more than an hour before producing a key 11th move which led him to gain the intitiative.

The United States hit back after losing 1-3 to the Soviets in the second round Sunday.

Edberg wins in 1st round

PARIS (AP) — Second-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden advanced easily in the first round of the \$1.3-million Paris Open tennis tournament Monday by downing Soviet Andrei Chesnokov, 6-2, 6-3.

Aaron Krickstein of the United States and Martin Jaite of Argentina also won early matches in

opening-round play.

Edberg, third-ranked in the world, rushed the net a number of times and controlled tempo of the match. He broke Chesnokov

in the second and eighth game of the first set. He punctuated the final break by winning at love.

In the second set, Chesnokov took an early break to go up 3-1. But then Edberg got hot and took the next five games for the match. at one point stringing together 14 consecutive points behind volleys and forced Chesnokov errors. "I knew I had to play aggres-

sive," Edberg said. The key to my game is how quickly I play and how well I move. Kirckstein, the number one

American romped, 6-1, 6-3 as the Swede had numerous unforced Jaite came from beind to defeat

Mikael Pernfors of Sweden as the

West Germany's Carl-Uwe Steeb, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3). The tournament continues

through Sunday and offers a \$300,000 first prize. Top-seeded Boris Becker of West Germany and third-seeded John McEnroe get into action later in the week.

Turkish soccer players halfway toward apartments common practice in many East for successful performances in

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Turkish soccer players are halfway to winning free apartments after a victory over Austria in a key World Cup qualifying game. Premier Turgut Ozal has prom-

ised an apartment to each of the national team members if they become the first Turkish squad since 1954 to qualify for the 24-nation World Cup finals.

In order to complete the real estate bonanza, the players need to win, or possibly tie, an upcoming game in the Soviet Union.

The Turks took a giant step toward a spot in the 1990 finals in Italy by defeating Austria 3-0 last week. They will clinch a plae if they win against the Soviets, and even could qualify with a tie if Austria and East Germany play to a tie as well.

bloc countries, but Turkey's relatively recent system is now expanding.

Each Turkish player was given 25 million Turkish liras (\$10,900) as a bonus for the victory over Austria and promised more for a triumph in the Soviet Union. The players also received 11

million liras (\$4,800) worth of housing certificates that can be traded for apartment space and have been promised the same amount for success against the Soviet Union.

The certificates are part of a project that allows Turks to invest in apartments that are being built by the government.

Under an incentive system

international competition. Before creation of that system, amateur athletes were forbidden

to receive gifts or prizes and many suffered hard times after Among them were Ali Riza

Alan, who won a world championship in freestyle wrestling in 1970 and ended up as a night guard at a factory, and Huseyin Aktas, who was the Balkan marathon champion four times but later became a street vendor. About 50 athletes, mostly tae

kwan do champions, have benefitted from the system so far. The biggest winner has been Naim Suleymanoglu, the world and Olympic champion weightlifhas receiv

adopted in 1981, elite Turkish athletes have been awarded signi-Special bonuses for athletes is ficant prizes by the government -- some from private institutions.

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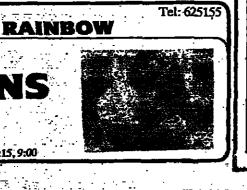
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Mengistu demands rebel retreat before peace talks

ADDIS ABABA (R) — President Mengistu Haile Mariam took a tough new line against rebels in northern Ethiopia Tuesday, saying he would not talk peace until they withdrew from recent advances.

He urged Ethiopia's one-party parliament to scrap development projects and so free more resources for the war effort in Tigray province.

Mengistu outlined his stance in the speech to parliament which appeared to rule out early peace talks with the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).

The TPLF said last week it

expected to begin preliminary peace talks with government representatives in Rome Nov. 4.

'To avoid more bloodshed, we strongly urge the rebels to stop their wanton destruction and withdraw immediately from Wollo and gondar (provinces)." Mengistu said.

"They can then present their grievances ... in a civilised manner at a peace conference." he

The TPLF, which is fighting to overthrow Mengistu's Sovietbacked government and set up a, broader-based administration in Addis Ababa, has advanced southwards from its stronghold in Tigray province since the end of August, capturing large areas of Wollo and Gondar.

Diplomats in East Africa said Mengistu appeared to be going pack on his offer last May to hold unconditional peace talks with the rebel movements in northern

He announced that initiative after crushing an attempted coup by several top military commanders demanding a negotiated end to the long-running civil war.

The government subsequently began peace talks with one rebel movement, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), in the United States in September. The EPLF, which is fighting for

the independence of Eritrea province, a former Italian colony, is due to hold a second round of talks, with government representatives in Kenya on Nov. 2.

An EPLF spokesman told Reuters in Nairobi Tuesday that the talks were still due to go ahead as planned. Whereas the army is still en-

gaged in heavy fighting with the TPLF in Wollo and Gondar. there has been a six-month full in fighting with the EPLF in Entrea. Mengistu said the TPLF was a tribally-based regionalist movement which would tear the country apart unless the government redoubled its military efforts to

contain it. There is no alternative but to reassess the national budget and projects so as to withstand the dangerous threat to national unihe said.

Mengistu delivered a similar message Monday to the leadership of the ruling Workers' Party of Ethiopia.

The strategy ahead should be of emerging victorious from the conflict with the minimum of delay," he told a special meeting of the Marxist party's central

Diplomats in East Africa say the TPLF, whose activities were until recently confined to Tigray. province, is trying to project itself as the nucleus of a national opposition movement.

The government, on the other hand, is trying to brand the TPLF as a regionalist movement seeking more power for the Tigrinya people of northern Ethiopia, with no credibility as a national opposition movement.

Ethiopia's official media seldom comments on the war in the shelve most of the development north but Addis Ababa radio



Mengistu Haile Mariam

reported Tuesday that the army had recaptured the small town of Kuta Ber in southern Wollo.

The Clandestine radio of the TPLF, monitored in Nairobi, said meanwhile that air force planes had carried out two bombing raids on Mekele, the rebel-held capital of Tigray province. The radio said 31 people were

killed in the first air raid Friday but there were no casualties in the second raid on Sunday, which was apparently aimed at des-troying the town's power station.

Pretoria seeks to soothe white fears

JOHANNESBURG (R) — The South African government told whites Tuesday not to panic ab-out growing black protest and dismissed rightists' demands for emergency talks on its new tolerance of dissent.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee, in a statement aimed at the country's white minority, said there was no reason to panic about law and order following a huge weekend rally near Johannesburg in support of the banned African National Congress

The meeting, in effect the first in South Africa by the black nationalist group in almost 30 years, was permitted in line with a new hands-off policy introduced by President F.W. de Klerk's six-week-old government.

But the main opposition Conservative Party (CP) called Sunday's 70,000-strong meeting a blatant challenge to authority and demanded a special sitting of parliament to discuss law and

"The basic object of the government, that the proceedings should take place in an orderly fashion and without violence, has been achieved," Coetsee's statement said.

The government is in control of affairs. There is absolutely no reason to panic or for political parties or individuals to take the law into their own hands.'

Consequently there was no reason for parliament to be called into session, he said.

The white-dominated assembly is due to convene in early 1990. The rally was held to welcome home seven elderly ANC leaders who were released on Oct. 15

police wielding truncheons repe-atedly charged and clubbed de-

monstrators Monday night fol-

lowing a cundlelight vigil outside

KGB headquarters in memory of

Scores of protesters were

knocked to the ground, beaten

and dragged into police buses,

according to reporters for the AP

It appeared to be the harshest

treatment of protesters in Mos-

ow in more than 18 months, and

came amid a more permissive

political climate instituted under

President Mikhail Gorbachev's

About 1,000 Soviets converged

on the Lubyanka KGB headquar-

ters, in central Moscow after dusk

to mark the unofficial "day of the

political prisoner" and mourn the

millions wrongly imprisoned or

The hour-long protest, in which two rows of people holding

flickering candles lined up on

three sides of the building, pro-

ceeded peacefully. It had been organised by the Memorial Socie-

ty, which seeks to commemorate

those who suffered unjustly

under Stalin, and the Democratic

Union, a self-styled opposition to

At the end of the demonstra-

tion, a splinter group of about 5(X)

people, mostly young men, mar-

ched off in the direction of Push-

kin Square, a favourite site for

the Communist Party.

killed under Josef Stalin.

who witnessed the scene.

Stalin's victims.

Police club anti-KGB

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Riot human rights activists.

from decades in prison.
The crowd's behaviour was

seen as a test for the release of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela. The move, expected in the next few months, may spark nationwide rejoicing by blacks. Although the government permitted the rally, which would otherwise have been banned

under emergency rules, it has restated that the ANC remains outlawed. ANC veteran Walter Sisulu, one of the freed prisoners who

addressed the rally, told a Johannesburg radio station he was excited by de Klerk's reforms even though they were minor. He said the discipline shown by

people at the rally indicated that they wanted to express themselves in an orderly way.
"I was amazed... the biggest rally in the history of our country ended without even the slightest

disturbance," he said. There were further signs of reconciliation Tuesday.

Radio South Africa, a mouthpiece for the government, said the peaceful nature of the rally and other recent protests had brought a more relaxed political climate and paved the way for further reforms.

In an indirect reference to Mandela, the radio's daily commentary said these would include the release of more security prisoners and issues such as the state of emergency.

There have been repeated hints from government ministers that it is considering lifting wholly or partially the three-year-old emergency, which gives the army and police sweeping powers to quell political unrest.

Chanting "Shame on the KGB" and "The KGB is the

enemy of the people," the group

was confronted without warning

by riot police two blocks from

Pushkin Square as they passed

armed with black rubber trun-

cheons, formed a skirmish line

and waded into the protesters,

clubbing at least four to the

ground and dragging them into

then reformed and headed to

Gorky Street, the main thorough-

fare leading to Pushkin Square.

The riot police and other uni-

formed officers sealed off the

square and split the protesters

again charged the demonstrators,

region continued for a sixth day

Monday, the TASS news agency

government into granting promised benefits. TASS said.

On Gorky Street, riot police

into two groups.

said.

assistance, Cole said. The cruiser was located about 50 kilometres

from Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. The aircraft, an

single-seat F-A-18 Hornet, had been dispatched from the carrier

USS Midway. The plane returned to the Midway where the pilot

was debriefed by navy officials, Cole said. Cole said the F-A-18's

pilot "inadvertently" dropped the bomb during "routine weapons

Traditionalists vow to resist women priests

LONDON (AP) - Traditionalist Anglican clergymen resolved

Monday to fight on against women priests even if the Church of

England approves them. There were only a few abstentions

during voting on a resolution opposing women's ordination. No

one voted against the resolution at the end of a meeting of more

than 1,000 clergy at the church's headquarters in Westminster.

Bishop of London Graham Leonard, unofficial leader of the

opposition movement, said in the keynote speech: "We must

declare ourselves so that we may resist and, it is to be hoped, be

enabled to repel it." The meeting, organised by clergy who call

their movement Crisis of Conscience, took place ahead of next

week's regular November session of the policymaking general

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - A gunman and a policeman were

killed by a grenade that exploded as the former prepared to toss it

at a passing police patrol Monday night, police said. They said an

accomplice and a second police officer were wounded in the

explosion in El Minuto de Dios, a northwestern suburb of this

capital city of six million people. Two other bombs exploded late

Monday in south and central Bogota, but no casualties were

reported, authorities said. One bomb destroyed part of a bank

front and neighbouring buildings and the other caused minor

damage at the social security building. The latest incidents, following violence late Sunday that wounded two journalists,

apparently came in response to a decision by the government of

President Virgilio Barco to refuse to negotiate with drug

The demonstrators retreated.

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Ex-jailbird reports finding ringed swallow

JOHANNESBURG (R) Ornithologists in South Africa finally heard after a quarter of a century what happened to one of their ringed Cape Town swallows

from an ex-inmate of a Soviet prison camp who couldn't write before. The former political prisoner, whose name was not disclosed, wrote from Tartu in Estonia that he found the dead swallow on June 4, 1963, at the camp at Sosnovka, near Saransk. "] have found the relevant date in my papers and I beg your pardon for being silent about this record for such a long time," he wrote, asking for details of where and when it was ringed. The information would be a valuable contribution to our ornithology too," he said. The South African Bird Ringing unit will be in touch.

Barony restored after 493 years

LONDON (AP) — Grey of Codnor is back in the English peerage after being absent for 493 years. Charles Legh Suldham Cornwall. Legh, 86, presenting his writ of summons, took his place in the House of Lords Monday as the fifth baron Grey of Codnor.. He is the first holder of the ancient title since the fourth Baron died in 1496 leaving three illegitimate sons without claim to the title. Cornwall-Legh proved his claim after tracing hundreds of descendants around the world through about 20 generations down five centuries. His late father began the quest for recognition with a petition to King George V in 1935. The search reached back to a paternal Aunt Lucy of the fourth baron. "It was very costly but I felt once it had been started I had to go on," said the new-Lord Grey, as barons are known. He is a country squire, once a tea. planter in Ceylon - now Sri Lanka — and a former magistrate and high sheriff of Cheshire, the northwest England county where

claimant had one opponent: Simon Fletcher, father of actress Susannah York, claimed Auni Lucy was not the fourth baron's descended through the Fletcher approved his petition first pre sented to her grandfather. Sir Nicholas Lyell, the solicitorgeneral representing the crown, told the committee that the barony was created by King Richard II in 1298 and the title

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TOKYO (AP) - A search for the world's greatest amateur rock band ended on a winning note Sunday for a U.S. group called lpso Facto, which beat thousands of other would-be rock stars and waltzed away with a \$20,000 prize. The six-member group from Minneapolis, Minnesota, took top honours at the third annual "Band Explosion '89" after playing its reggae-flavoured original song "Guilty" for a panel of judges that included pop idol Jon Bon Jovi. The fivemember British band mask party was second with the song "One Shot," and received \$10,000. Third place and \$5,000 went to the Indonesian band Topeng and Mask for the song Topeng Dance.'

Global Weather

protesters in Moscow

the family live near Knutsford. "I don't expect to go to the lords very much unless something comes up in which I am specially interested," he said. The blood aunt and the only true heir family line to another aunt. But the House of Lords committee of privileges backed Cornwall-Legh and Queen Elizabeth II finally

taking about six into custody. As the protesters were dragged to the buses, spectators shouted, shame, shame, Walkout at coal mine A walkout at the largest coal holders had served the state with mine in the far north Vorkuta

Meanwhile, strike leaders at other mines said they would hold two-hour "pre-emptive" strikes beginning Nov. 1 to pressure the

(major world cities)

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S. Africa: Angolans on verge of new ceasefire Botha would not say exactly

PRETORIA (R) — The Angolan government and its UNITA guerrilla foes are on the verge of reviving a ceasefire, South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha said Tuesday.

Botha, confirming that he and President F.W. de Klerk would visit the West African state of Ivory Coast in December, said Angola would probably be high on the agenda of

Asked if he had reason to hope for a new ceasefire in the 14-year-old bush war between the UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Augola) rebels, Botha told reporters:

"We really hope so. I believe a ceasefire is really possible and we hope so soon." "From what I understood

both sides are on the point of agreeing to a ceasefire.' A truce agreed at a summit of African leaders in Ghadolite, Zaire, June 22 broke down on differing interpretations of

what the accord stipulated.

President Mobutu Sese Seko was the mediator. Mobutu brokered the June ceasefire. Botha was speaking after meeting visiting members of the

European Parliament. South Africa withdrew aid to pro-Western UNITA as part of a regional peace agreement last year, leaving the United States

when a ceasefire would be

announced, stressing that Zaire

as main arms supplier to the A Foreign Ministry official

said the Ivory Coast meeting, the first between de Klerk and President Felix Houphouet-Boigny, was part of an attempt by the new South African head of state to get to know African leaders following his inauguration six weeks ago.

In the months before September's segregated parliamentary elections, won by his white national party, de Klerk made similar familia tion trips to Mozambique. Zambia and Zaire.

Ivory Coast has long had

friendly if unofficial ties with South Africa and de Klerk's predecessor, P.W. Botha, met Houphouet-Boigny in Ivory Coast last year.

The visit will be de Klerk's first as president to a black African country. Houphouet-Boigny, at 84 a leading black African statesman, announced the visit Monday

"Politically he probably just wants to be kept in the picture about the internal situation in South Africa," said Richard Cornwell of the Africa Institute

Sinhalese monk killed in raid

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Troops raided a Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka's central province and shot dead three rebels, including a monk, the government said on Tuesday.

They were among 13 people reported killed in political vio-24 hours to Tuesday morning.

The government said the slain monk, Pasgodyaya Saranankara, was an area leader and coordinator of the People's Liberation Front (JVP) fighting to topple the government. An army deserter was also kil-

led in the raid on the Pattigolle Temple in Kandy district. Security sources said several

monks, suspected to be active members of the front, have been arrested in the past two years. Buddhist sources said nearly 30 monks have been killed by security forces during the two-year anti-government campaign by the front, whose members are mostly youth from the majority

Sinhalere community. In the 24-hour period security forces arrested 101 suspected rebels in cordon and search operations, and recovered several weapons and army uniforms, the

dent Richard Nixon.

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China has in the past accused

"hostile foreign forces" of fuell-

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Communist leadership with its

most serious challenge since the

Hundreds, possibly thousands,

of people were killed on June 3

and 4 when the People's Libera-

tion Army crashed through Pek-

ing to clear Tiananmen Square of

student protesters who had been

waging a three-month campaign

Deng said the United States was

for democracy and freedom.

government statement said. Rebels set fire to some government buildings and post offices, it

The Sri Lankan government has pledged to meet terror with terror to combat the People's Liberation Front, which is esti-mated to have killed 4,000 people over the past two years.

Troops shot and killed seven Sinhalese radicals in central and southern Sri Lanka Sunday and Monday, military officials said. Militants also shot and killed

two people when they ambushed a car of a provincial council member. The member was not in the vehicle when it was attacked in Moneragale town, 160 kilometres east of Colombo.

Sinhalese radicals accuse the government of offering too many concessions to the Tamils, who are mostly Hindus and make up 18 per cent of the country's 16 million people.

The government offered the concessions in an accord signed in 1987. The accord, however. failed after the most powerful of the Tamil rebel groups, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, rejected it saying it did not meet their aspirations.



'INFORMER' SLAIN. gers examine the body of an alleged army informer in central Kandy, Sri Lanka, after he was killed by the People's Liberation Front. The front

took credit for the slaying in a note left at the scene warning others not to help or inform on them to the security forces in the ongoing battle

between the government and Sinhalese extremists.

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

Norwegian may head UNHCR

UNITED NATIONS (R) - Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar is proposing to nominate former Norwegian Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg as the new U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), informed U.N. sources said Monday. If endorsed by the General Assembly, Stoltenberg, 58, would succeed Jean-Pierre Hocke of Switzerland, whose Nov. 1 resignation was announced last Thursday after he came under fire for alleged misuse of funds and was blamed for rising costs and low staff morale. Hocke, 51, a former official of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), said he was prevented from carrying out his job of caring for some 14 million refugees worldwide because of a campaign of "anonymous and public attacks." Perez de Cuellar called in the chairman of the U.N.'s five regional groups Monday and proposed Stoltenberg's candidacy for the Geneva-based post, the sources said. The chairmen were expected to report back soon, after consulting their groups. Assuming there are no objections, Perez de Cuellar would be able to announce the nomination and seek quick approval by the Amateur astronomer discovers asteroids

LONDON (AP) - An amateur astronomer using a homemade telescope said Monday he was discovered three new minor planets, or asteroids, and the editor of Astronomer magazine said he was the first Briton to make such a find in 80 years. Brian Manning said he spotted the asteroids between the orbits of Jupiter and Mars using a 25-centimetre reflector telescope set up in his back yard in Kidderminster, 150 kilometres northwest of London. Editor Guy Hurst, who keeps track of all European astronomical discoveries, said Manning's sightings were run through the International Astronomical Union computer in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and found to be previously unknown. To go for 80 years with no discovery, it is very important for British astronomy," Hurst told the Associated Press. "Manning's work, although he is an amateur, is rated as high as professional."

WASHINGTON (AP) -- A U.S. warplane accidentally dropped a 227-kilogramme bomb on the navy guided-missile cruiser USS Reeves during manoeuvres in the Indian Ocean Monday, slightly injuring five sailors and leaving a 1.5-metre hole in the ship's main

deck, the navy said. The bomb, which detonated upon impact, set off a small fire that was quickly extinguished, said Bruce Cole, a navy spokesman at the Defence Department. The five sailors received minor injuries that did not require outside medical

Synod of the Anglican State Church.

Two killed in Bogota blast

U.S. warplane 'bombs' cruiser

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Deng accuses U.S. of 'deep involvement' in Chinese unrest PEKING (Agencies) — China's now capable of taking the initiasenior leader Deng Xiaoping active, an apparent reference to President George Bush's ban on cused the United States Tuesday of being "involved too deeply." high-level contacts with China as well as military cooperation and in the unrest which swept Peking in June, the official New China government loans.

News Agency (NCNA) reported. "Frankly speaking, the U.S. Speaking to reporters after their meeting. Nixon said Sino-U.S. was involved too deeply in the relations were at their lowest turmoil and counter-revolutionpoint since 1972 when he ary rebellion which occurred in travelled to Peking to lead the Beijing not long ago. way to establishing diplomatic 'China was the real victim and relations. it is unjust to reprove China for

Deng, who as chairman of the it," Deng told former U.S. Presi-Communist Party's Central Military Commission ordered the June Deng told Nixon, who is on a crackdown, said China and the United States needed to cooperprivate visit to China. it was up to the United States to take the ate for strategic reasons. initiative in improving relations. It was the strongest accusation

strategic interests of each country and we should not talk about the historic roots or the differences in ideology or the strength of a country," Deng told Nixon as reporters listened.

Each country had to consider the "long-term strategic interests," of the other, Deng said. "If you can proceed from this angle then you can find a proper

solution. It takes courage to act in this spirit," he added.

He said the damage could be repaired if the two sides kept "Regarding state to state rela-tions we should focus on the

does not represent a break in Bush's ban on high-level con-

Nixon said Sino-U.S. relations had been badly hurt by the events of June. "The damage is very great. The point I should emphasise is this is

without question the most serious

situation in terms of Sino-Amer-

Deng Xiaoping

ican relations since 1972," Nixon

talking and set aside ideological differences. Nixon is the most prominent American to visit China since June. However U.S. embassy officials stress he is travelling as a private citizen and that his trip

Nixon told Deng he had watched Chinese-American relations for 17 years and that China must understand the depth of U.S. concern over the government's suppression of the pro-democracy

A member of the Nixon party who attended the meeting described it as a "tough. o-holdsbarred exchange" that covered the bloodshed in Beijing last June